LESSON PLAN

Jupiter and the Monkey

GRADES
2–5

READING LEVEL
5

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme:** Jupiter and the Monkey; The love of a parent for their child transcends external appearances and societal opinions.
- **Plot summary:** In this tale, Jupiter, the king of the gods, announces a contest to find the most handsome offspring of the animals in the forest. The Monkey proudly presents her son, despite the laughter and ridicule he faces due to his unappealing looks. She defends him passionately, illustrating a mother's unconditional love.
- **Key characters and their significance:**
  - **Jupiter:** Represents authority and the arbiter of beauty standards.
  - **The Monkey:** Embodies parental love and the idea that beauty is subjective and personal.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives:**

- Students will understand the theme of unconditional love in the story.
- Students will identify how societal standards can influence perceptions of beauty.
- Students will analyze the character of the Monkey and her motivations.
- Students will discuss the implications of parental love and acceptance.

- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. What does the story tell us about the nature of beauty?
  2. How does the Monkey's perspective challenge societal norms?
  3. In what ways can we apply the moral of this story to our own lives?
- **Required Materials:**
  - Copies of the story "Jupiter and the Monkey"
  - Visual aids (pictures illustrating key scenes)
  - Whiteboard and markers

LESSON FLOW

- **Opening Hook (5 min):**

Begin with a short discussion on what students think makes someone beautiful. Encourage them to share personal opinions and examples.

- **Story Exploration (15-20 min):**

Read the story "Jupiter and the Monkey" aloud to the class. Use pictures to illustrate key moments in the story, enhancing

engagement and understanding.

- **Analysis Exercises (15 min):**

Divide students into small groups. Each group will discuss the Monkey's character and her actions. They will then prepare a brief presentation on how parental love is depicted in the story.

- **Application/Reflection (10 min):**

Bring the class back together for a whole-group discussion. Ask students to reflect on how this story relates to their own experiences with family and friends.

- **Assessment Strategy (5 min):**

Collect students' group presentations and assess their understanding based on participation and insight into the story's moral.

SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

- **Extension Activities:**
  1. Have students create their own short moral stories with pictures that reflect a similar theme of love and acceptance.
  2. Organize a "Beauty Redefined" art project where students illustrate what beauty means to them.
- **Differentiation Strategies:**
  - Provide visual aids and story summaries for students who need additional support.
  - Encourage

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