LESSON PLAN

Saint and Sinner

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on what students think of the idea of redemption. Ask if they've heard of any animal stories with moral lessons that deal with transformation.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to ask for predictions about the characters' actions and feelings. Discuss the initial impressions of the characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups to analyze character motivations and the setting. Ask them to identify key moments that highlight the moral of the story. Each group will present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short paragraph about a time they or someone they know experienced a change for the better. Encourage them to relate it back to the themes discussed.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick class discussion summarizing the lessons learned from the story. Collect student reflections to assess understanding of the moral themes.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: Saint and Sinner; Moral: Redemption is possible for anyone, regardless of their past, but it requires genuine acceptance and willingness to change.
- **Plot Summary**: In this moral story, a distinguished officer of the Salvation Army shares his past as a drunkard and thief, emphasizing the transformative power of Divine Grace. The Most Wicked Sinner, however, is skeptical about the possibility of change and redemption.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **Officer of the Salvation Army**: Represents hope and the potential for redemption through faith and acceptance.
  - **Most Wicked Sinner**: Symbolizes doubt and the struggle of accepting the possibility of change.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- Students will understand the concept of redemption and its importance in moral development.
- Students will explore the transformative power of acceptance and willingness to change through storytelling.
- Students will analyze the character dynamics and their implications on the theme of the story.
- Students will articulate their personal reflections on moral dilemmas similar to those faced by the characters.
- Students will connect the themes of this story to broader childhood stories with moral lessons.

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think is necessary for someone to truly change their ways?
2. How do the characters in the story reflect different perspectives on redemption?
3. Can you think of other short stories with moral lessons that illustrate the theme of transformation?

Required Materials

- Copies of the story Saint and Sinner
- Whiteboard and markers
- Notebooks for student reflections