LESSON PLAN

The Ass and the Horse

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a funny story that illustrates a similar moral, engaging students with humor and prompting them to think about kindness and assistance.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read 'The Ass and the Horse' aloud as a class. Discuss the key events and characters, focusing on the interactions between the Ass and the Horse.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Break students into small groups to discuss the characters' actions. Ask them to create a character map that outlines the motivations and traits of the Ass and the Horse, emphasizing the moral.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Each student will write a brief reflection on how the moral of the story relates to their lives and share it with a partner. Encourage them to think about small acts of kindness.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or exit ticket where students must write down the moral of the story and one personal connection they made.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Ass and the Horse; Beware of those who neglect small kindnesses, for they may not offer larger ones.
- **Plot Summary**: In this humorous tale, an Ass asks a Horse for a small portion of his feed. The Horse, feeling superior, promises to help later but refuses to share even a little now. The Ass wisely doubts the Horse's future generosity based on his current unwillingness.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Ass**: Represents humility and wisdom; he understands the importance of small acts of kindness.
  - **The Horse**: Embodies arrogance; he thinks his superior status entitles him to ignore the needs of others.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the moral of the story.

- Students will analyze the characters' motivations and behaviors.
- Students will connect the themes of the story to real-life situations.
- Students will create their own short stories with moral lessons inspired by 'The Ass and the Horse'.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think the Ass learned from his interaction with the Horse?
  2. How can the moral of this story apply to our daily lives?
  3. Can you think of a time when someone refused to help you with a small task? How did it affect your relationship with them?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of 'The Ass and the Horse'
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for story creation

✓ Original text available on the story page.