LESSON PLAN

The Ass and the Wolf

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening hook

Begin with a brief discussion on what students think the term "expertise" means. Ask if they can think of a time when they had to rely on their own skills or knowledge.

15–20 min

Story exploration

Read the story "The Ass and the Wolf" aloud. After reading, ask students to summarize the plot in pairs.

15 min

Analysis exercises

Divide students into small groups to analyze the characters. Each group will discuss the motivations behind the Ass's actions and the Wolf's mistake. Groups will then share their insights with the class.

10 min

Application/reflection

Have students reflect individually on the moral of the story. They can write a short paragraph on how they can apply this lesson in their daily lives.

5 min

Assessment strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or a few oral questions to assess understanding of the story and its moral.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Ass and the Wolf; Moral: One should stick to their own expertise and not overreach into areas where they lack knowledge or skill.
- **Plot summary**: In this timeless moral story, an Ass encounters a Wolf and pretends to be lame to avoid being eaten. The Wolf, thinking he can help, attempts to remove a thorn from the Ass's foot. Instead, the Ass seizes the opportunity to kick the Wolf and escape, highlighting the consequences of overstepping one's expertise.
- **Key characters and their significance**:
  - **The Ass**: Represents cleverness and the importance of knowing one's strengths.
  - **The Wolf**: Embodies overconfidence and the dangers of meddling in areas outside one's expertise.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the moral of the story.
  - Students will analyze the characters and their motivations.
  - Students will discuss the importance of recognizing personal limitations.
  - Students will relate the story to their own experiences or knowledge.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What could the Wolf have done differently to avoid his fate?
  2. How does this story reflect the importance of expertise in our own lives?
  3. Can you think of a situation where you or someone you know overstepped their boundaries? What was the outcome?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Ass and the Wolf"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.