LESSON PLAN

The Ass Carrying the Image

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–6	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a short discussion on what admiration means. Ask students if they have ever felt proud of something they accomplished and how it felt when others acknowledged their achievements.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Ass Carrying the Image" aloud as a class. Pause to ask questions about the characters' actions and feelings throughout the story to engage students.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups to discuss the following prompts:

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short paragraph reflecting on a time when they or someone they know mistook admiration for personal worth. Encourage them to think about how they felt and what they learned.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with an informal assessment by asking students to share their reflections. Listen for understanding of the moral and the story's implications.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Ass Carrying the Image; Moral: Do not mistake the admiration for others as recognition of your own worth.
- **Plot Summary**: In this entertaining moral story, an Ass carries a revered wooden Image through the streets, misinterpreting the crowd's reverence for the Image as admiration for himself. His pride leads him to a standstill until the driver reminds him of his true role. This tale teaches that one should not confuse the accolades meant for others as a reflection of their own value.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Ass**: Represents misguided pride and vanity, illustrating how self-importance can lead to foolishness.
  - **The Driver**: Serves as the voice of reason, emphasizing the truth about self-worth and the importance of humility.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral lesson of the story.
  - Students will analyze the characters and their significance in conveying the theme.
  - Students will discuss the implications of pride and humility in their own lives.
  - Students will compare this story with other short tales with moral lessons.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. Why do you think the Ass confused the crowd's admiration for the Image with respect for himself?
  2. How can the moral of this story apply to real-life situations?
  3. In what ways does pride affect our behavior and relationships with others?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Ass Carrying the Image"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.