LESSON PLAN

The Bald Knight

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–6	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a funny animal story that involves pride leading to an embarrassing situation. Ask students to share their own quick stories about times they felt embarrassed.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Bald Knight" aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to discuss the Knight’s feelings and the reactions of his companions. Encourage students to visualize the scene.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups. Ask each group to analyze the actions of the Bald Knight and his companions.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Bring the class back together and have each group perform their skit. Discuss how different reactions can change the moral of the story.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

To assess understanding, have students write a brief reflection on the moral of the story and how it applies to their own lives.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Bald Knight; Moral: Pride often precedes humiliation.
- **Plot Summary**: The Bald Knight, who is self-conscious about his baldness, wears a wig when he goes hunting. A sudden gust of wind blows off his wig, exposing his bald head, much to the amusement of his companions. Instead of reacting with anger, he humorously joins in the laughter, reflecting on the absurdity of his pride.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Bald Knight**: Represents the theme of pride and the consequences of vanity.
  - **The Companions**: Serve as a mirror to the Knight's pride, highlighting societal attitudes towards appearances.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

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

- Students will analyze the characters and their roles in conveying the theme.
- Students will discuss the implications of pride in their own lives.
- Students will create their own short moral tale inspired by the story.
- Students will reflect on how humor can be used to cope with embarrassment.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. How did the Bald Knight's pride affect his actions and feelings?
  2. What can we learn from the Knight's humorous response to his embarrassment?
  3. Can you think of a time when pride led to a difficult situation for you or someone you know?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Bald Knight"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Art supplies for extension activities

✓ Original text available on the story page.