LESSON PLAN

The Boy Bathing

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–8	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about a time when someone needed help. Ask students to share their experiences and how they responded.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story "The Boy Bathing" aloud. Pause at key moments to ask students about the boy's feelings and the traveler's decisions.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Have them discuss the characters' motivations and the story's moral. Each group will create a short presentation on their findings.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to reflect on how they can apply the moral of the story in their own lives, especially in situations they may encounter at school or in their community.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick quiz or exit ticket asking students to summarize the moral of the story and how it can be applied to a real-life situation.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title**: The Boy Bathing
- **Moral/Theme**: Help should be prioritized over criticism in times of crisis.
- **Plot Summary**: A young boy bathing in a river finds himself in a perilous situation as he begins to drown. He calls out for help to a passing traveler, who instead of offering assistance, chooses to criticize the boy for being careless. The boy pleads for help, emphasizing that guidance is meaningless without immediate action.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Boy**: Represents vulnerability and the need for immediate support during crises.
  - **The Traveler**: Symbolizes the failure to act and the importance of prioritizing help over judgment.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will identify the moral lesson in "The Boy Bathing."
- Students will analyze the characters' actions and their implications.
- Students will discuss the importance of providing help in urgent situations.
- Students will reflect on real-life applications of the story's moral.
- Students will explore similar themes in other famous moral stories.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What could the traveler have done differently to help the boy?
  2. How does this story relate to real-life situations where people may hesitate to help others?
  3. Why is it important to prioritize help over criticism in urgent situations?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Boy Bathing"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.