LESSON PLAN

The Compassionate Physician

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on the meaning of compassion. Ask students to share quick examples of compassionate acts they have witnessed or experienced.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story "The Compassionate Physician" aloud. Pause at key moments to engage students in predicting outcomes and discussing the characters' motives.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide the class into small groups. Each group will identify the moral of the story and discuss how it applies to real-life situations.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Ask students to write a short paragraph reflecting on a time they showed compassion or received it. How did it impact them or others?

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conduct a quick exit ticket where students write down one lesson they learned from the story and how they plan to apply it in their lives.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Compassionate Physician; Compassion for the suffering, even in difficult circumstances, can lead to both mercy and decisive action.
- **Plot Summary**: In this thought-provoking moral story, a kind-hearted physician, while caring for a suffering patient, witnesses a wounded mouse struggling to escape from a cat. The physician's immediate compassion drives him to intervene decisively, both saving the mouse from unnecessary torment and continuing his care for the patient.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Physician**: Represents compassion and mercy, showcasing the importance of empathy in difficult situations.
  - **The Cat**: Symbolizes cruelty and indifference, contrasting the physician's actions.
  - **The Mouse**: A representation of the vulnerable and suffering, highlighting the need for compassion.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will analyze the moral implications of the physician's actions.
  - Students will discuss the role of compassion in healthcare and everyday life.
  - Students will identify and reflect on their personal experiences related to empathy and mercy.
  - Students will explore cultural significance in moral stories through the lens of 'The Compassionate Physician'.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the story teach us about the importance of compassion in our lives?
  2. How might the physician's actions inspire us to act in our own communities?
  3. In what ways can we practice compassion in our daily interactions?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Compassionate Physician"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Chart paper and markers for group activities

✓ Original text available on the story page.