LESSON PLAN

The Crab and His Son

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–6	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about the importance of leading by example. Ask students if they have ever felt criticized by someone who didn't practice what they preached.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read the story "The Crab and his Son" aloud to the class.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups and have them analyze the dialogue in the story.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Ask students to write down a personal experience where they learned the importance of setting a good example.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conclude the lesson with a quick quiz on the story's main points and moral. Use a few multiple-choice questions to assess understanding.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Crab and his Son; Moral: One should lead by example rather than criticize others for their shortcomings.
- **Plot Summary**: In this short story, a father Crab criticizes his Son for not walking straight. The Son, however, points out the father's own inability to walk straight, highlighting the hypocrisy in the father's criticism. This exchange leads to a deeper understanding of the importance of leading by example.
- **Key Characters and their Significance**:
  - **Father Crab**: Represents authority and criticism, yet fails to embody the values he preaches.
  - **Son Crab**: Symbolizes youth and the questioning of authority, highlighting the need for integrity in guidance.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its relevance to personal conduct.

- Students will identify the key characters and their roles in conveying the moral.
- Students will analyze the dialogue between the characters to explore themes of hypocrisy and leadership.
- Students will articulate personal experiences that relate to the moral lesson of leading by example.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the conversation between the Father Crab and the Son reveal about their relationship?
  2. How can we apply the moral of this story to our everyday lives?
  3. Can you think of a time when you experienced or witnessed hypocrisy? How did it affect you?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Crab and his Son"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for students