LESSON PLAN

# The Crab and Its Mother

| GRADES | TIME | READING LEVEL |
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| 2–4 | 50 min | 4 |

## Lesson flow




5 min

### Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about the importance of actions versus words. Ask students if they can think of a situation where someone's actions did not match their advice.

15–20 min

### Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. After reading, encourage students to share their initial reactions and thoughts about the characters and plot.

15 min

### Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Assign each group to analyze either the mother crab's or the young crab's perspective. Have them note examples from the story that support their analysis.

10 min

### Application/Reflection

Bring the class back together and ask each group to share their findings. Then, encourage students to reflect on how they can lead by example in their own lives and why it matters.

5 min

### Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick quiz or a thumbs-up/thumbs-down activity to assess understanding of the story's moral and the characters' actions.

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# STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Crab and Its Mother; The moral of the story is that leading by example is more effective than simply giving advice.
- **Plot Summary**: In this timeless moral story, a mother crab chides her son for walking sideways and encourages him to walk straight. The young crab, however, points out that she is unable to demonstrate the correct way herself. This fable illustrates the importance of leading by example rather than mere words.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **Mother Crab**: Represents authority and guidance but lacks the ability to practice what she preaches.
  - **Young Crab**: Symbolizes the learner who seeks to understand through observation and experience.

# LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

    - Students will identify the moral of the story.
    - Students will analyze the characters' actions and their implications.
    - Students will discuss the importance of leading by example in their own lives.
    - Students will create scenarios where they can apply lessons learned from the story.
- **Discussion Questions**:
    1. What does the interaction between the mother crab and her son teach us about advice and actions?
    2. How can we apply the moral of this story in our daily lives?
    3. Can you think of a time when someone’s actions contradicted their words? What was the outcome?
- **Required Materials**:
    - Copies of "The Crab and Its Mother"
    - Whiteboard and markers
    - Paper and pens for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.