LESSON PLAN

# The Doe and the Lion

| GRADES | TIME | READING LEVEL |
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| 2–8 | 50 min | 4 |

## Lesson flow




5 min

### Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on the concept of danger and safety. Ask students to share a time they felt they had to escape a situation and what they chose to do.

15–20 min

### Story Exploration

Read "The Doe and the Lion" aloud to the class. After reading, facilitate a discussion on their initial thoughts about the story and its moral.

15 min

### Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups. Assign each group to analyze either the doe or the lion. They should discuss the character’s motivations, feelings, and the consequences of their actions.

10 min

### Application/Reflection

Have students write a short paragraph reflecting on how the moral of the story applies to their lives or current events. Encourage them to think critically about situations where they might rush to safety without considering potential dangers.

5 min

### Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick class poll or quiz to assess understanding of the moral and characters. This can include true/false questions or multiple-choice regarding the story's events.

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# STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Doe and the Lion - "In trying to escape one danger, be wary of inadvertently falling into a greater peril."
- **Plot Summary**: In this timeless moral story, a doe, fleeing from hunters, seeks refuge in a cave. Unbeknownst to her, the cave is the lair of a lion. Once the doe is safely inside, the lion reveals himself and attacks, illustrating the dangers of seeking safety without awareness of one’s surroundings.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Doe**: Represents vulnerability and the instinct to seek safety.
  - **The Lion**: Symbolizes hidden danger and predatory instincts, emphasizing that not all who offer refuge have good intentions.

# LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the moral of the story.
  - Students will analyze the characters' choices and consequences.
  - Students will discuss real-life scenarios that relate to the moral of the story.
  - Students will create their own fables with a moral similar to "The Doe and the Lion."
- **Discussion Questions**:
  - What could the doe have done differently to avoid danger?
  - How does this story compare to other famous moral stories we've read?
  - In what ways can we apply the moral of this story to our everyday lives?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Doe and the Lion"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Notebooks for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.