LESSON PLAN

The Faithful Cashier

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin by asking students about situations where they have seen someone prioritize their reputation over their integrity. Share a brief, relatable anecdote to illustrate the theme.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Faithful Cashier" aloud or have students read in pairs. After reading, summarize the story together, highlighting key events and character motivations.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

In small groups, students will discuss the following:

10 min

Application/Reflection

Each student will write a short paragraph reflecting on a time they faced a moral dilemma regarding reputation and integrity. Encourage them to consider what they learned from the story.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Use an exit ticket where students write one key takeaway from the lesson regarding moral choices and reputation.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Faithful Cashier; The story illustrates that one's reputation can be manipulated and protected through associations and appearances, often at the expense of integrity.
- **Plot Summary**: In this moral tale, a bank cashier, after being caught for embezzling funds, defends himself by claiming he used the money to pay dues to a mutual defense association for cashiers. This organization helps clear the names of its members under suspicion by highlighting their lack of community involvement, thus revealing the lengths one might go to protect their reputation.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Cashier**: Represents the flawed nature of individuals who prioritize reputation over integrity.
  - **The Directors**: Embody authority and the value placed on reputation in a professional setting.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral implications of the story.
  - Students will analyze the characters' motivations and actions.
  - Students will discuss the impact of reputation and integrity in personal and professional contexts.
  - Students will connect the story's themes to real-life situations.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the story reveal about the relationship between reputation and integrity?
  2. How might the Cashier's actions reflect real-world scenarios in workplaces?
  3. In what ways can society encourage or discourage integrity among individuals?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Faithful Cashier"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for notes

✓ Original text available on the story page.