LESSON PLAN

The Farmer and the Cranes

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–6	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about the importance of listening to warnings. Ask students if they have ever ignored a warning and faced consequences.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to ask for predictions and thoughts about the Farmer's actions and the Cranes' responses.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Break students into small groups to discuss the following:

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short paragraph about a time when they faced a warning and how they responded. Encourage them to reflect on what they learned from that experience.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or reflection questions to gauge understanding of the story's moral and its application.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Farmer and the Cranes - When threats are ignored, decisive action may be necessary to enforce boundaries.
- **Plot Summary**: In this short story, a Farmer struggles to protect his newly sown wheat from a group of Cranes. Initially, he tries to scare them away with an empty sling, but the birds grow indifferent to his threats. Eventually, the Farmer takes decisive action, using stones to drive them away for good, teaching the Cranes that he means business.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Farmer**: Represents authority and the need to protect one's hard work and resources.
  - **The Cranes**: Symbolize those who take advantage of leniency and ignore warnings until faced with serious consequences.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will understand the moral of the story and its relevance to real-life situations.
- Students will analyze the characters' actions and motivations.
- Students will discuss the implications of ignoring warnings or threats.
- Students will relate the story to other famous moral stories and identify common themes.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. Why did the Cranes initially ignore the Farmer's threats?
  2. What does the Farmer's decision to use stones say about his character?
  3. How can we apply the moral of this story to our own lives?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Farmer and the Cranes"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students
  - Projector (optional for visuals)

✓ Original text available on the story page.