LESSON PLAN

The Fox and the Monkey

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–6	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Begin with a short discussion on honesty and deceit. Ask students if they can share a time they heard a tall tale or a rumor. Highlight the importance of verifying information.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read "The Fox and the Monkey" aloud to the class.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups to analyze the characters.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Ask students to reflect on the moral of the story. How can they apply this lesson in their daily lives?

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conduct a quick exit ticket where students write down the moral of the story and one real-life example

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STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Fox and the Monkey; Moral: Falsehoods can easily be exposed when there is no one to verify them.
- **Plot Summary**: In this engaging moral tale, a Fox and a Monkey travel together and come across a cemetery. The Monkey boasts about monuments erected for his ancestors, claiming they were great citizens. The Fox cleverly points out that no one can dispute the Monkey’s claims, highlighting the ease with which falsehoods can be told when there is no one to verify them.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Fox**: Represents wisdom and skepticism, illustrating the importance of questioning unverified statements.
  - **The Monkey**: Embodies pride and deception, showcasing how individuals can fabricate stories when they feel unchallenged.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral lesson of the story.
  - Students will analyze the characters' motivations and actions.

    - Students will discuss the implications of falsehoods in real-life situations.
    - Students will connect the story's themes to modern examples of dishonesty.
- **Discussion Questions**:
    - What do you think motivates the Monkey to tell lies about his ancestors?
    - How does the Fox's response serve to expose the Monkey’s deceit?
    - Can you think of a real-life situation where falsehoods were discovered? What was the outcome?
- **Required Materials**:
    - Copies of "The Fox and the Monkey" story
    - Whiteboard and markers
    - Paper for notes and reflections

✓ Original text available on the story page.