LESSON PLAN

The Hunter and the Horseman

GRADES
2–5

READING LEVEL
3

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title:** The Hunter and the Horseman
- **Moral/Theme:** Sometimes it is better to let go of what has been taken from you rather than wasting energy in pursuit.
- **Plot Summary:** A hunter who has caught a hare encounters a horseman who tricks him into giving up the hare. As the horseman rides away, the hunter realizes that chasing after what was taken will only lead to frustration. Ultimately, he decides to let go and calls out to the horseman, offering the hare as a gift instead.
- **Key Characters:**
  - **The Hunter:** Represents determination and the struggle to reclaim what is lost, illustrating the futility of holding onto what cannot be regained.
  - **The Horseman:** Embodies deception and the idea that not everything lost is worth chasing after.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives:**
  - Students will understand the moral lesson of the story.
  - Students will identify the characters and their motivations.
  - Students will analyze the themes of loss and acceptance.
  - Students will discuss the implications of letting go in their own lives.
- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. What emotions do you think the hunter felt after losing the hare?
  2. Why do you think the hunter ultimately decided to let go of his pursuit?
  3. How can we apply the moral of this story to our daily lives?
- **Required Materials:**
  - Copies of the story
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for students

LESSON FLOW

- **Opening Hook (5 min):**
  - Begin with a brief discussion on personal experiences of loss. Ask students to share instances where they felt the need to chase after something that was taken from them.
- **Story Exploration (15-20 min):**
  - Read 'The Hunter and the Horseman' aloud to the class. After reading, ask students to summarize the plot in their own words. Discuss the characters and their roles in the story.

- **Analysis Exercises (15 min):**
  - Break students into small groups to analyze the moral of the story. Provide them with guiding questions to discuss how the characters' actions reflect the theme of letting go. Each group will then present their insights to the class.
- **Application/Reflection (10 min):**
  - Ask students to reflect on a time when they had to let go of something. Have them write a short paragraph about their experience and how it relates to the moral of the story.
- **Assessment Strategy (5 min):**
  - Conclude with a quick quiz where students will answer questions about the characters, plot, and moral of the story. This will help assess their understanding of the lesson.

SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

- **Extension Activities:**
  1. Write a new

✓ Original text available on the story page.