LESSON PLAN

The Kite, the Pigeons, and the Hawk

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Share a humorous anecdote about seeking help from unexpected sources. Ask students to reflect on the outcomes of those situations to set the stage for the moral lesson.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud. Allow students to visualize the characters and setting. After reading, encourage students to summarize the plot in small groups.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into groups and assign each group a character (Pigeons, Kite, Hawk).

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a brief reflection on a time they trusted someone who let them down. Encourage them to connect their experiences to the moral of the story.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick class poll on the moral of the story and have students rate their understanding of the lesson learned.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Kite, the Pigeons, and the Hawk; "Beware of seeking help from those who may have ulterior motives, as they may turn against you once their needs are met."
- **Plot Summary**: In this tale, a group of Pigeons, threatened by a Kite, seeks assistance from a Hawk. Although the Hawk successfully eliminates the Kite, he becomes a victim of the Pigeons' gratitude, who, once safe, blind him as a reward for his help.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Pigeons**: Represent vulnerability and the consequences of misplaced trust.
  - **The Kite**: A symbol of danger and threat, illustrating the perils that can arise in life.
  - **The Hawk**: Embodies the idea of self-interest and betrayal, highlighting the moral lesson of the story.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the moral of the story and its relevance to real-life situations.
  - Students will analyze character motivations and the consequences of their actions.
  - Students will discuss the themes of trust and betrayal in the context of the story.
  - Students will compare this fable with other culturally significant moral stories.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What were the Pigeons hoping to achieve by asking the Hawk for help?
  2. How did the actions of the Hawk reflect the idea of ulterior motives?
  3. Can you think of a situation in your life where trust was misplaced? What was the outcome?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Printed copies of the story
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Chart paper for group work