LESSON PLAN

The Laborer and the Snake

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on experiences of conflict or grievances in students' lives. Ask them if they think forgiveness is possible after serious injuries.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Laborer and the Snake" aloud. Pause to discuss key points and emotional moments in the story. Ask students to reflect on their initial reactions to the characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups and have them analyze character motivations, focusing on the father's desire for revenge and the snake's reaction to being injured.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Ask students to write a brief reflection on a time they experienced or witnessed a conflict. How did it affect the relationship involved? Could reconciliation have happened?

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or exit ticket where students write one key takeaway from the story and how it applies to their lives.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Laborer and the Snake; Moral: Injuries and grievances can create lasting rifts that prevent true reconciliation.
- **Plot Summary**: A grieving father seeks revenge on a snake that killed his son, but in his haste, he only injures the snake. Despite attempts at reconciliation, both the father and the snake cannot forget their grievances, illustrating the profound impact of unresolved conflict.
- **Key Characters and their significance**:
  - **The Father**: Represents the pain of loss and the desire for revenge.
  - **The Snake**: Symbolizes the lasting nature of injuries and the inability to forget past grievances.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will understand the moral implications of revenge and forgiveness.
- Students will analyze character motivations and their consequences.
- Students will discuss the impact of unresolved conflict in relationships.
- Students will identify the moral lessons in the story and relate them to real-life situations.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What emotions motivate the father's actions towards the snake?
  2. Why is it difficult for both characters to reconcile despite attempts at peace?
  3. How can this story be applied to modern-day conflicts or grievances?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Laborer and the Snake"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Notebooks for reflection

✓ Original text available on the story page.