LESSON PLAN

The Lamp

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–8	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on pride. Ask students to share instances where they have seen someone brag about their achievements. Introduce the concept of humility and how it contrasts with pride.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Lamp" aloud to the class. After reading, divide students into small groups to discuss their initial reactions. Prompt them to identify the key themes and characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Have each group create a character map for the lamp and its owner, noting their traits and how they relate to the story's moral.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Invite students to write a short reflection in their journals about a time they experienced or witnessed pride leading to a negative outcome. Encourage them to think about how they could have acted differently.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Have students share one insight from their reflections with the class. Assess their understanding of the moral through their contributions.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Lamp; Pride and boastfulness can lead to one's downfall; it is wiser to be humble and content with one's contributions.
- **Plot summary**: In this inspirational short story, a lamp, overly filled with oil, proudly declares that it shines brighter than the sun. However, a sudden gust of wind extinguishes its light, demonstrating that true worth lies in humble contributions rather than boastful claims.
- **Key characters and their significance**:
  - **The Lamp**: Represents pride and the consequences of boastfulness.
  - **The Owner**: Serves as a voice of reason, highlighting the importance of humility and contentment.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will understand the moral lesson of humility from the story.
- Students will identify the consequences of pride and boastfulness.
- Students will analyze character motivations and their significance to the story's theme.
- Students will reflect on personal experiences related to pride and humility.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the lamp's boastfulness teach us about the importance of humility?
  2. How can we apply the lesson from this story to our daily lives?
  3. Can you think of a time when pride led to negative consequences in your life or someone else's?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Lamp"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Reflection journals

✓ Original text available on the story page.