LESSON PLAN

The Lark Burying Her Father

GRADES
2–8

READING LEVEL
3

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme:** The Lark Burying Her Father; The moral of the story is that honoring and respecting one's parents is a fundamental duty, even in challenging circumstances.
- **Plot Summary:** In an ancient legend, a Lark struggles to find a proper burial place for her deceased father since the earth is not yet created. After five days of searching and despair, she decides to bury him within herself, which leads to her acquiring a distinctive crest. This poignant tale emphasizes the importance of filial duty and respect for one's parents.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance:**
  - **The Lark:** Represents the struggle between duty and the challenges of life; her actions reflect deep love and respect for her father.
  - **The Father:** Symbolizes the parental figure whose legacy and memory must be honored, even when circumstances are dire.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives:**
  - Students will identify the main themes of the story.
  - Students will discuss the significance of honoring parents in various cultures.
  - Students will analyze the character of the Lark and her choices.
  - Students will reflect on personal experiences related to family duty and respect.
- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. What does the Lark's decision to bury her father in her own head suggest about her feelings towards him?
  2. How do different cultures express the importance of honoring parents?
  3. Can you think of modern-day situations where people honor their parents in unique ways?
- **Required Materials:**
  - Copies of the story "The Lark Burying Her Father."
  - Visual aids or pictures related to the story.
  - Discussion prompts on chart paper.
  - Art supplies for extension activities.

LESSON FLOW

- **Opening Hook (5 min):** Start with a heartwarming quote about family and respect. Ask students to share a brief story about a moment they felt proud of their family.
- **Story Exploration (15-20 min):** Read "The Lark Burying Her Father" aloud. Use short moral stories with pictures to enhance

understanding. Discuss the plot and key characters, prompting students to visualize the story.

- **Analysis Exercises (15 min):** Divide students into small groups to analyze the Lark's choices and what they reveal about her values. Each group can create a mind map to represent their thoughts.
- **Application/Reflection (10 min):** Ask students to write a short paragraph reflecting on how they can honor their parents. Encourage them to think creatively about their personal experiences and lessons learned from stories.
- **Assessment Strategy (5 min):** Collect the reflection paragraphs as a formative assessment to gauge understanding of the story's moral.

SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

- **Extension Activities:**

  1. Create a visual art project illustrating the L

✓ Original text available on the story page.