LESSON PLAN

The Lion and the Dolphin

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening hook

Begin with a brief discussion on childhood stories with moral lessons. Ask students to share their favorite short and sweet moral stories. Highlight any common themes related to strengths and weaknesses.

15–20 min

Story exploration

Read "The Lion and the Dolphin" aloud. Pause at key moments to discuss the characters' actions and the implications of their choices. Encourage students to visualize the setting and the emotions of the characters.

15 min

Analysis exercises

Divide students into small groups. Assign each group a character (Lion or Dolphin) to analyze. They should identify the character's strengths,

weaknesses, and the lessons learned from their experiences. Each group will share their findings.

10 min

Application/reflection

Have students reflect individually on a time they felt limited in some way. They can write a short paragraph explaining how they overcame this feeling or how they learned to embrace their own strengths.

5 min

Assessment strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or a few questions on the story's moral and characters to assess understanding.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Lion and the Dolphin; Moral: Don't blame others for their limitations, as everyone has strengths and weaknesses dictated by their nature.
- **Plot summary**: A Lion and a Dolphin agree to form an alliance, believing their combined strengths would make them formidable. However, when the Lion finds himself in trouble and calls for help, the Dolphin is unable to assist due to its natural limitations. The Lion wrongly accuses the Dolphin of betrayal, but the Dolphin wisely explains that his inability to help is due to the nature of their respective domains.
- **Key characters**:
  - **Lion**: Represents strength on land and the tendency to assume superiority.

- **Dolphin**: Symbolizes the wisdom of recognizing one's own limitations and the importance of understanding others' abilities.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its application in real life.
  - Students will identify the strengths and weaknesses of the characters.
  - Students will analyze the importance of accepting differences among individuals.
  - Students will discuss how cultural narratives shape our understanding of moral lessons.
- **Discussion questions**:
  1. What does this story teach us about the nature of friendship and support?
  2. How can we apply the moral of this story to our daily lives?
  3. In what ways do different cultures express similar moral lessons through their folklore and childhood stories?
- **Required materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Lion and the Dolphin"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Chart paper for group activities

✓ Original text available on the story page.