LESSON PLAN

The Lion and the Hare

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	45 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about what students think happens when they pursue something better. Ask them if they believe it's always worth it to chase after new opportunities.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Lion and the Hare" aloud to the class. Use expressive storytelling techniques to engage students and encourage them to visualize the characters and plot.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and provide them with worksheets. Ask them to identify:

10 min

Application/Reflection

Bring the class back together and ask groups to share their findings. Discuss how the moral can apply to their own lives. Encourage them to share personal experiences that relate to the

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STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title**: The Lion and the Hare
- **Moral/Theme**: The moral of the story is that one should not forsake what they have in pursuit of something better, as it may lead to losing both.
- **Plot Summary**: In this heartwarming moral story, a Lion comes across a sleeping Hare and decides to seize her for a meal. However, when a young Hart catches his eye, he abandons the Hare in pursuit of something seemingly better. After a long chase, he fails to catch the Hart and returns to find the Hare has also escaped, realizing his folly.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Lion**: Represents greed and the consequences of letting go of what one already possesses.
  - **The Hare**: Symbolizes vulnerability but also the importance of seizing opportunities and escaping danger.
  - **The Hart**: Represents temptation and the allure of what seems better but may not be attainable.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will understand the moral of the story and its relevance to their lives.
- Students will identify key characters and their roles within the story.
- Students will relate the lessons learned from the story to real-life situations.
- Students will discuss the concepts of greed and contentment in a group setting.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think the Lion could have done differently to keep both the Hare and the opportunity for the Hart?
  2. Have you ever abandoned something you had for something that seemed better? What happened?
  3. How can this story inspire us in our everyday decisions, especially as we grow up?
- **Required Materials**:
  - A copy of "The Lion and the Hare" (book or printed handout)
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Worksheets for analysis exercises
  - Crayons or colored pencils for drawing activities

✓ Original text available on the story page.