LESSON PLAN

The Lion and the Three Bulls

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–6	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about teamwork. Ask students to share experiences where working together helped them achieve a goal. Introduce the story of 'The Lion and the Three Bulls' as a famous moral story highlighting the importance of unity.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to ask students for their thoughts on the characters' decisions and feelings. Discuss the lion's motivations and tactics in separating the bulls.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Assign each group a character (bulls or lion) and ask them to discuss how that character contributes to the story's moral. Each group will then share their insights with the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to write a short paragraph reflecting on the moral of the story and how it applies to their own lives. Encourage them to think of times when they experienced the benefits of unity or the drawbacks of division.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Use a quick exit ticket where each student writes one thing they learned about the importance of unity from the story. Collect these to gauge understanding.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Lion and the Three Bulls; Moral: Strength lies in unity, and division makes individuals vulnerable to harm.
- **Plot Summary**: Three bulls lived harmoniously together, making them safe from the lurking lion. However, the lion cunningly separated them, allowing him to attack each bull one by one. This story illustrates how unity can protect against threats, while division leads to vulnerability.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Three Bulls**: Symbolize strength in unity and the importance of friendship and teamwork.
  - **The Lion**: Represents cunning and the predatory nature of those who take advantage of division.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the significance of unity through the story.
  - Students will identify the characters and their roles in conveying the moral.
  - Students will analyze the consequences of division as portrayed in the story.
  - Students will create their own short story demonstrating a similar moral.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What strategies did the lion use to divide the bulls?
  2. How might the story have changed if the bulls had stayed united?
  3. Can you think of any real-life examples where unity helped a group overcome challenges?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story 'The Lion and the Three Bulls'
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Art supplies for story creation