LESSON PLAN

# The Lion in a Farmyard

| GRADES | TIME | READING LEVEL |
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| 2–5 | 50 min | 3 |

## Lesson flow




5 min

### Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on what makes a story captivating. Ask students to share their favorite childhood stories with moral lessons.

15–20 min

### Story Exploration

Read "The Lion in a Farmyard" aloud to the class. Pause periodically to ask questions about the plot and characters. Encourage students to visualize the scenes and imagine how the Farmer felt.

15 min

### Analysis Exercises

In small groups, have students dissect the Farmer’s decisions and the consequences that followed. Each group will create a mind map on chart paper illustrating the cause and effect in the story.

10 min

### Application/Reflection

Bring the class back together and ask each group to present their mind maps. Discuss how the moral of the story applies to real-life situations. Encourage students to share personal experiences related to the theme.

5 min

### Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or exit ticket where students write down the moral of the story and one example

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# STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Lion in a Farmyard; The moral of the story is that one should not underestimate the dangers of a powerful adversary and must be cautious in their decisions, especially when dealing with threats.
- **Plot Summary**: A Lion enters a farmyard, and the Farmer, in an attempt to catch him, locks the gate. The Lion, realizing he is trapped, wreaks havoc by attacking the farm animals. The Farmer, fearing for his safety, ultimately releases the Lion, lamenting the loss of his livestock. His wife points out the foolishness of his actions.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Lion**: Represents a powerful adversary whose strength can lead to destruction if not handled with caution.
  - **The Farmer**: Symbolizes human folly and the tendency to underestimate threats.
  - **The Farmer's Wife**: Provides wisdom and perspective, highlighting the consequences of poor decisions.

# LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will explore the themes of caution and decision-making in relation to powerful adversaries.
  - Students will analyze the characters and their motivations within the story.
  - Students will discuss the moral implications of the Farmer's choices.
  - Students will connect the story to other childhood stories with moral lessons.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What can we learn from the Farmer’s decision to keep the Lion locked up?
  2. How does the Lion’s power change the dynamics of the farmyard?
  3. Can you think of other famous fables with moral lessons that relate to this story?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Printed copies of "The Lion in a Farmyard"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Chart paper for group activities