LESSON PLAN

# The Lion Jupiter and the Elephant

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

## Lesson flow




5 min

### Opening Hook

Begin with a short discussion about fears. Ask students to share a fear they have faced and how they dealt with it. This will help set the stage for the story's themes.

15–20 min

### Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Pause periodically to discuss key points and ask questions about the characters’ feelings and motivations.

15 min

### Analysis Exercises

Split students into small groups and assign them to analyze a character. They will discuss their character's strengths and fears, then present their findings to the class.

10 min

### Application/Reflection

As a class, reflect on the moral of the story. Ask students to write a short paragraph on how understanding others' fears can help us appreciate our own strengths.

5 min

### Assessment Strategy

Informally assess students' understanding through their group presentations and reflections.

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# STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Lion, Jupiter, and the Elephant; Moral: Even the mightiest can have fears, and recognizing that others may struggle with their own vulnerabilities can help us appreciate our own strengths.
- **Plot summary**: In this fable, a powerful lion complains to Jupiter about his fear of a crowing cock, despite his great strength and prowess. After encountering an elephant who reveals his own fear of a tiny gnat, the lion learns that everyone has their own vulnerabilities, leading him to appreciate his own strengths.
- **Key characters and their significance**:
  - **The Lion**: Represents strength and bravery, yet reveals that even the mighty have fears.
  - **Jupiter**: The god who symbolizes wisdom and reminds the lion of his strengths.
  - **The Elephant**: A symbol of vulnerability, showing that even large creatures can have fears.

# LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the main characters and their traits.
  - Students will understand the moral of the story.
  - Students will relate the themes of the story to their own experiences.
  - Students will analyze the significance of fear in different characters.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  - What was the lion's main fear, and how did it affect him?
  - How did the elephant's fear contribute to the story's message?
  - What can we learn from recognizing our own fears and the fears of others?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Printed copies of the story.
  - Whiteboard and markers.
  - Art supplies for extension activities.

✓ Original text available on the story page.