LESSON PLAN

The Lion, the Cock, and the Ass

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about what students think makes someone strong or courageous. Encourage them to share examples from their lives or popular stories.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read 'The Lion, the Cock, and the Ass' aloud. Pause to ask students about their impressions and encourage them to visualize the characters and their actions.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and assign them to discuss the motivations of each character. Ask them to create a visual representation (drawing or diagram) illustrating the relationships and dynamics among the characters.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students reflect individually on the moral of the story. Ask them to write a short paragraph about a time they or someone they know displayed unexpected courage.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Briefly review the key points from the discussion. Ask students to share their reflections and provide feedback on their understanding of the moral.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Lion, the Cock, and the Ass - True strength and courage are measured by the respect one commands, not by appearances.
- **Plot Summary**: In this heartwarming moral story, a lion prepares to attack an ass. However, when a cock crows, the lion flees in fear. The ass, puzzled by the lion's fright, questions the cock about its significance, leading to a humorous yet insightful reflection on the nature of strength and fear.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Lion**: Represents power and strength but is ultimately revealed to be fearful of the unexpected.
  - **The Cock**: Embodies the idea that even small creatures can possess a significant impact, highlighting that true courage can come in unexpected forms.

- **The Ass**: Serves as a voice of skepticism and provides a humorous perspective on the situation.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its relevance to real-life situations.
  - Students will identify the key characters and their roles in conveying the theme.
  - Students will analyze how fear and respect influence behavior in the animal kingdom and in human interactions.
  - Students will compare this story to other creative moral stories to draw broader conclusions about courage and strength.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. Why do you think the lion was afraid of the cock's crow?
  2. How does the story challenge our perceptions of strength?
  3. Can you think of a time when someone surprised you with their courage or strength?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of 'The Lion, the Cock, and the Ass' story.
  - Whiteboard and markers for brainstorming.
  - Paper and pencils for students' reflections.

✓ Original text available on the story page.