LESSON PLAN

The Lion the Fox and the Beasts

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about animal stories and their morals. Ask students if they know any moral stories that teach valuable lessons.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to ask questions about what the students think will happen next and why the characters act as they do.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups to discuss the story's characters. Each group will identify the characteristics of the Lion and the Fox and how they contribute to the story's moral.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to write a short paragraph reflecting on a time when they had to consider the consequences of their actions. Encourage them to apply the moral of the story to their reflections.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or a verbal review of the moral of the story and the key characters.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Lion, the Fox, and the Beasts; **Moral**: Beware of entering situations that may trap you, as it can be much harder to escape than to get in.
- **Plot Summary**: The Lion pretends to be sick and calls the other animals to hear his will. Many animals enter his cave, but none return. The Fox, noticing the tracks, wisely decides to stay outside, avoiding the trap set by the Lion.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Lion**: Represents deceit and danger, illustrating how appearances can be misleading.
  - **The Fox**: Embodies wisdom and caution, demonstrating the importance of critical thinking and observation.
  - **The other animals**: Serve as a warning to those who act without thinking.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its implications.
  - Students will analyze the actions and motivations of key characters.
  - Students will discuss the importance of caution in decision-making.
  - Students will relate the story's themes to real-life situations.
  - Students will create their own short animal stories with a moral.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What does the Lion's deception teach us about trust and caution?
  2. How does the Fox’s decision-making process differ from that of the other animals?
  3. Can you think of a real-life situation where it is important to consider the consequences before acting?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Lion, the Fox, and the Beasts"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for student activities

✓ Original text available on the story page.