LESSON PLAN

The Lion the Wolf and the Fox

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–8	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening hook

Start with a brief discussion about why stories have morals. Ask students if they can think of a story they've heard that teaches a lesson.

15–20 min

Story exploration

Read the story "The Lion, the Wolf, and the Fox" aloud. As you read, pause to ask students what they think will happen next and how they feel about each character's actions.

15 min

Analysis exercises

In small groups, have students discuss the motivations of the wolf and the fox. Each group can create a character map outlining the traits and actions of each character and how these lead to the story's conclusion.

10 min

Application/reflection

Ask students to write a short paragraph on a time they witnessed or experienced a situation where someone's deceit backfired. Encourage them to relate their experiences to the story's moral.

5 min

Assessment strategy

Collect the character maps and reflections to assess understanding of character motivations and the moral lesson of the story.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Lion, the Wolf, and the Fox - The moral of the story is that scheming against others can backfire, and those who seek to harm may ultimately suffer the consequences of their actions.
- **Plot summary**: In this meaningful tale, a sick lion receives visits from his subjects, except for the cunning fox. The wolf seizes the chance to slander the fox, but when the fox arrives, he cleverly turns the situation around. By suggesting a remedy that leads to the wolf's demise, the fox teaches a powerful lesson about the dangers of scheming.
- **Key characters and their significance**:
  - **The Lion**: Represents authority and the consequences of blind trust.
  - **The Wolf**: Embodies deceit and the consequences of betrayal.
  - **The Fox**: Symbolizes intelligence and the importance of quick thinking in adversity.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral lessons conveyed through folklore and moral stories.
  - Students will analyze character motivations and actions in the story.
  - Students will discuss the implications of deceit and betrayal in real-life contexts.
  - Students will reflect on how simple lessons from stories can apply to their own lives.
- **Discussion questions**:
  - What can we learn about the consequences of scheming from the wolf's actions?
  - How does the fox's cleverness change the outcome of the story?
  - Can you think of a real-life situation where someone faced consequences for their deceitful actions?
- **Required materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Lion, the Wolf, and the Fox"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.