LESSON PLAN

The Mother and the Wolf

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about the importance of trust in relationships. Ask students if they've ever been confused by someone's words and what that felt like.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read 'The Mother and the Wolf' aloud. Ask students to listen carefully to the mother's contradictory statements. After reading, facilitate a brief summary of the story.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

In groups, have students discuss the key characters and their significance. Each group will identify examples of the mother's emotional inconsistencies and relate them to the wolf's experience.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Encourage students to reflect on the moral of the story. Have them write a short paragraph on a situation where they faced similar challenges of trust and communication.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz on the moral of the story and key plot points to gauge understanding.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Mother and the Wolf; One should not trust the inconsistent words of others, especially when they are driven by emotion rather than intention.
- **Plot Summary**: A hungry wolf overhears a mother threatening to throw her child out of the window for being noisy, which leads him to believe he can easily catch a meal. However, he later hears her comforting the child and promising to fight the wolf, leaving him confused and empty-handed. This tale highlights the dangers of trusting unreliable words.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Wolf**: Represents those who are easily misled by emotional statements.
  - **The Mother**: Embodies the inconsistency of human emotions and words.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will analyze the moral of the story and its relevance to real-life situations.
  - Students will identify key themes in the story and relate them to their own experiences.
  - Students will engage in discussions that foster critical thinking about trust and communication.
  - Students will create their own short moral stories inspired by 'The Mother and the Wolf'.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think motivated the mother’s change in tone towards her child?
  2. How does this story reflect real-life situations where people say things they don’t mean?
  3. Can you think of a time when you were misled by someone’s words? How did that affect you?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of 'The Mother and the Wolf'
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Notebooks and pens for each student

✓ Original text available on the story page.