LESSON PLAN

The Peasant and the Eagle

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about kindness. Ask students to share their thoughts on what kindness means to them and if they have ever experienced a time when kindness was returned unexpectedly.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story "The Peasant and the Eagle" aloud to the class. After reading, engage the students in a discussion about their initial reactions to the story and the characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and assign them to analyze different aspects of the story (e.g., character motivations, moral implications, personal connections). Each group will present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to write a short paragraph reflecting on how they can show kindness in their own lives and what they hope to gain from it, drawing from the lessons learned in the story.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Collect students' reflections to assess their understanding of the moral and their ability to connect it to their own experiences.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Peasant and the Eagle; Acts of kindness can lead to unexpected rewards and protection in return.
- **Plot Summary**: A Peasant frees an Eagle trapped in a snare, demonstrating kindness without expectation. Later, the Eagle returns the favor by warning the Peasant of danger, ultimately saving his life when the wall he sat under collapses.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Peasant**: Represents kindness and selflessness; his actions highlight the importance of helping others.
  - **The Eagle**: Symbolizes gratitude and the idea that acts of kindness can come back to benefit us in unexpected ways.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will identify the moral of the story.
- Students will analyze the characters and their motivations.
- Students will discuss the implications of kindness in their own lives.
- Students will create their own unique moral stories inspired by the themes presented in the lesson.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What motivated the Peasant to help the Eagle, and what does this teach us about kindness?
  2. How did the Eagle repay the Peasant's kindness, and what can we learn from this exchange?
  3. Can you think of a time when an act of kindness led to an unexpected reward in your life?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Printed copies of the story
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Journals or paper for reflections