LESSON PLAN

The Sick Kite

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about times students have needed help and whether they had built relationships with those they turned to. Ask, "Have you ever felt unprepared when you needed support?"

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Sick Kite" aloud to the class. Encourage students to listen for the main message while they follow along in their copies.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups to discuss the key characters and the decisions they made.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Ask students to reflect on a time when they helped someone or received help. Have them write a short paragraph about how relationships contributed to that experience.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Collect character maps and reflection paragraphs. Assess understanding based on clarity of the moral and character analysis.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Sick Kite; Moral: We should cultivate positive relationships and goodwill in times of prosperity to receive support during difficult times.
- **Plot Summary**: In the story, a sick kite pleads with his mother to invoke the gods for help in prolonging his life. The mother reminds him that he has offended the gods by taking from their altars, highlighting the importance of nurturing relationships before calamity strikes.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Sick Kite**: Represents those who seek help only in times of need without having built positive relationships beforehand.
  - **The Mother Kite**: Serves as a voice of wisdom, emphasizing the importance of goodwill and friendship.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will identify the main characters and their roles in the story.
- Students will articulate the moral lesson of "The Sick Kite."
- Students will analyze the relationship dynamics presented in the story.
- Students will discuss the impact of actions taken during prosperous times on future support.
- Students will create their own very short moral stories based on similar themes.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What actions did the sick kite take that led to his predicament?
  2. How can we apply the moral of this story in our daily lives?
  3. Why is it important to build positive relationships before we need help?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Sick Kite" story
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.