LESSON PLAN

The Thieves and the Cock

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin by asking students about their favorite bedtime stories with morals. Introduce "The Thieves and the Cock" as a wisdom-packed moral story that explores the conflict between good and bad behavior.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to ask students to predict what might happen next and to discuss the characters' motivations. Use short moral stories to learn morals effectively.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and assign each group a character (the thieves or the cock). Ask them to discuss their character's motivations and the implications of their actions. Each group will then present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students reflect on how the moral of the story applies to their own lives. Prompt them to write a short paragraph about a time when they witnessed or experienced a conflict between good and evil.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Use a quick exit ticket where students write down one thing they learned about virtue and one question they still have

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STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title**: The Thieves and the Cock
- **Moral/Theme**: Evil-doers despise those who uphold virtue, as they threaten their dishonest pursuits.
- **Plot Summary**: A group of thieves steals a cock, intending to kill it for food. The cock pleads for its life, explaining its usefulness in waking people for work. However, the thieves decide to kill it precisely because it disrupts their dishonest activities. The story illustrates how virtue threatens those who engage in wrongdoing.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **The Thieves**: Represent the embodiment of evil and dishonesty, showcasing the destructive nature of their actions.
  - **The Cock**: A symbol of virtue and vigilance, demonstrating how good actions can threaten immoral behavior.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the key characters and their roles in the story.
  - Students will articulate the moral of the story and its relevance to their lives.
  - Students will analyze the actions of the thieves and the cock to understand the theme of virtue vs. vice.
  - Students will create a visual representation of the story's moral, enhancing comprehension through imagery.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. Why do you think the thieves viewed the cock as a threat?
  2. How does the story illustrate the conflict between good and evil?
  3. Can you think of a real-life situation where someone's virtue threatened another's dishonest intentions?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Printed copies of the story "The Thieves and the Cock"
  - Chart paper and markers for group activities
  - Pictures/illustrations related to the story (if available)

✓ Original text available on the story page.