LESSON PLAN

The Villager and the Serpent

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–6	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on the concept of kindness. Ask students if they have ever helped someone who did not appreciate it, setting the stage for the story.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read "The Villager and the Serpent" aloud to the class. Encourage students to visualize the key moments in the story and reflect on the emotional responses of the characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups and assign each group a character to analyze. Have them discuss the character's motivations, the consequences of their actions, and how these elements contribute to the story's moral.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Bring the class back together and ask groups to share their analyses. Follow up with a class discussion on how we can apply the lessons from the story to our own lives, emphasizing the need for discernment in kindness.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick quiz with true/false statements about the story's plot and moral to assess understanding.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Villager and the Serpent; Moral: Be cautious in showing kindness, as some may repay goodwill with betrayal.
- **Plot Summary**: In this captivating moral story, a kind-hearted villager discovers a frozen serpent and decides to save it by bringing it home and warming it by the fire. However, once revived, the serpent betrays the villager by attacking him, leading to a dark twist that underscores the consequences of misplaced kindness.
- **Key Characters and their Significance**:
  - **The Villager**: Represents the theme of kindness and the dangers of naivety.
  - **The Serpent**: Embodies betrayal and the inherent danger of trusting those who may not have good intentions.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral lesson of the story.
  - Students will analyze the characters' motivations and actions.
  - Students will discuss the implications of kindness and betrayal in real life.
  - Students will reflect on personal experiences related to the theme of the story.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What motivated the villager to help the serpent despite the risks?
  2. How does the story illustrate the idea that not everyone deserves kindness?
  3. Can you think of a situation in your own life where kindness was met with betrayal?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of "The Villager and the Serpent"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper for reflections and notes