LESSON PLAN

The Wasps the Partridges and the Farmer

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–8	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion on the meaning of promises. Ask students if they think it's important to keep promises and why.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Encourage students to pay attention to the characters' promises and actions. After reading, engage the class in a quick summary of the plot.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide the class into small groups. Each group will discuss the motivations of the Wasps and Partridges versus the Farmer's decision. Ask them to create a chart comparing the promises made by the Wasps and Partridges with the actions of the Farmer's oxen.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Bring the class back together and have each group share their findings. Encourage students to reflect on the moral of the story and how it applies to real-life situations.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick quiz or exit ticket where students write down the moral of the

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STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Wasps, the Partridges, and the Farmer; Actions Speak Louder Than Promises
- **Plot Summary**: In this moral story, the Wasps and the Partridges, desperate for water, approach a Farmer with promises of help in exchange for his kindness. However, the Farmer chooses to rely on his hardworking oxen who deliver results without asking for anything in return. This tale illustrates the value of actions over empty promises.
- **Key Characters and their significance**:
  - **The Farmer**: Represents practicality and wisdom, choosing reliability over empty promises.
  - **The Wasps**: Symbolize empty assurances; they promise much but are ultimately untrustworthy.
  - **The Partridges**: Represent those who make grand promises without the means to fulfill them.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its implications.
  - Students will identify key characters and their roles in the story.
  - Students will analyze the significance of actions versus promises in various contexts.
  - Students will discuss how this story relates to their own experiences and observations.
  - Students will reflect on the consequences of relying on promises rather than actions.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think the Farmer's decision reveals about the importance of actions?
  2. Have you ever experienced a situation where someone made a promise but didn't follow through? How did it make you feel?
  3. In what ways can we apply the moral of this story in our daily lives?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Printed copies of the story
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and writing utensils for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.