LESSON PLAN

The Widow and the Sheep

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–5	50 min	2

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

- Start with a humorous anecdote about a time someone tried to save money but ended up spending more. Engage students by asking them to share their own stories.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

- Read "The Widow and the Sheep" aloud. Pause to discuss the widow's actions and the sheep's response. Encourage students to visualize the scenes and express their feelings about the characters.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups. Each group will discuss the widow's decision-making process and its consequences. Have them create a short skit that illustrates their understanding of the moral.

10 min

Application/Reflection

- Facilitate a class discussion about real-life situations where people may try to save costs and how those situations can lead to negative outcomes. Encourage students to reflect on their own experiences.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

- Conclude with a quick verbal quiz where students can state the moral of the story and provide one example from their lives that relates to it.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Widow and the Sheep; Attempting to save costs can lead to greater losses and unintended harm.
- **Plot Summary**: A poor widow decides to shear her only sheep herself to save money. Unfortunately, her lack of skill results in hurting the sheep, demonstrating that trying to cut costs can lead to more significant problems. The sheep's painful plea highlights the importance of expertise and the dangers of short-sightedness.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Widow**: Represents individuals who try to save money without considering the consequences.
  - **The Sheep**: Symbolizes the cost of careless decisions and the need for proper care and expertise.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:

- Students will identify the moral of the story and its relevance to real-life situations.
- Students will analyze character motivations and their implications in the story.
- Students will compare this story with other creative moral stories to find common themes.
- Students will engage in discussions about the importance of seeking help from experts in various situations.

- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What could the widow have done differently to avoid hurting the sheep?
  2. How does this story relate to modern situations where people try to save money?
  3. Can you think of other humorous or funny stories with moral lessons that convey similar themes?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Printed copies of "The Widow and the Sheep"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Projector for displaying relevant images or videos
  - Paper and pencils for student notes

✓ Original text available on the story page.