LESSON PLAN

The Wild Ass and the Lion

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–8	50 min	3

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about the concept of power and fairness. Ask students to share what they think happens when someone in power takes advantage of others.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to ask questions and encourage predictions about what might happen next.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups and have them analyze the motivations of each character.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short paragraph on how they can apply the moral of the story to their own lives. Encourage them to think about fairness in their friendships and school environment.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick formative assessment where students share one key takeaway from the lesson with the class.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title**: The Wild Ass and the Lion
- **Moral/Theme**: The story illustrates that those in power often exploit their strength to dominate and take more than their fair share, regardless of fairness or partnership.
- **Plot Summary**: A Wild Ass and a Lion form an alliance to hunt together, combining the Lion's strength with the Wild Ass's speed. However, when it comes time to share their spoils, the Lion selfishly claims all the prey, leaving the Wild Ass with nothing. This tale serves as a cautionary reminder about the nature of power and exploitation.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **Wild Ass**: Represents the innocent and naive being who trusts those in power.
  - **Lion**: Symbolizes the tyrant who uses strength to exploit allies for personal gain.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral lessons conveyed in the story.
  - Students will analyze the characters and their motivations.
  - Students will discuss the implications of power dynamics in partnerships.
  - Students will reflect on real-life examples of exploitation and fairness.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  - What do you think the Wild Ass could have done differently to protect himself?
  - How does the Lion's behavior reflect real-world situations where power is abused?
  - Can you think of a time when you witnessed or experienced unfairness? How did it make you feel?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the moral story "The Wild Ass and the Lion"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.