LESSON PLAN

The Wind and the Sun

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	2

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Start with a brief discussion about how students react to different approaches from others (kind vs. harsh). Ask them to share examples of when gentleness worked better than force in their experiences.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud. After reading, engage students in a quick recap. Ask them to identify and discuss the key characters, focusing on their traits and actions.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Assign each group to analyze the actions of either the Wind or the Sun. They should discuss what worked, what didn't, and why. Each group will present their findings to the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Invite students to reflect on a time when they had to choose between being gentle or forceful. Ask them to write a short paragraph on how they handled the situation and what the outcome was.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conduct a quick oral assessment by asking students to summarize the moral of the story in their own words. Use thumbs up/thumbs down to gauge understanding.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Wind and the Sun - Gentleness and kindness can achieve what force and harshness cannot.
- **Plot Summary**: The Wind and the Sun engage in a dispute over who is stronger. They decide to test their strength by attempting to make a traveler remove his cloak. The Wind blows fiercely but only makes the traveler cling tighter to his cloak, while the Sun shines warmly and gently, causing the traveler to willingly remove it.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Wind**: Represents force and aggression; his harsh approach fails to achieve the desired outcome.
  - **The Sun**: Symbolizes gentleness and kindness; his warm approach successfully persuades the traveler.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its relevance to real-life situations.
  - Students will analyze the characters' actions and their consequences.
  - Students will compare and contrast the effectiveness of gentleness versus force.
  - Students will express their thoughts on how they can apply the moral of the story in their daily lives.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think would have happened if the Sun had tried to use force instead of warmth?
  2. How can you apply the lessons from this story in your interactions with others?
  3. Why do you think the Wind’s approach failed while the Sun's succeeded?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story 'The Wind and the Sun'
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper for notes and reflections