LESSON PLAN

The Wolf and the Babe

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
9+	50 min	4

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion on the power of words. Ask students if they can recall a time when they said something in anger that they later regretted.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read *The Wolf and the Babe* aloud to the class. As you read, encourage students to visualize the characters and setting. After reading, ask students to summarize the plot in their own words.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups to analyze the characters. Each group will discuss the motivations of the wolf, the mother, and the old man, and how their actions contributed to the story's outcome.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students individually write a brief reflection on how they can apply the moral of the story to their own lives. Encourage them to consider how they communicate during moments of frustration.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Collect the students' reflections and provide feedback on their understanding of the moral and its application.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and Moral/Theme**: The Wolf and the Babe - The moral of the story is that threats made in anger can have unintended consequences, leading to harm for both the speaker and the subject of their ire.
- **Plot Summary**: In this poignant tale, a famishing wolf overhears a mother threatening her child in anger. He waits eagerly for the moment he believes the mother will throw the child out, but the situation takes an unexpected turn when the old man returns home and throws both the mother and child out of the cottage.
- **Key Characters and Their Significance**:
  - **The Wolf**: Represents the consequences of misinterpreted threats and hunger for revenge.
  - **The Mother**: Embodies the dangers of speaking in anger without considering the ramifications of one's words.
  - **The Old Man**: A catalyst for the story's climax, his actions reveal the unpredictability of life and the effect of anger.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will identify the moral of the story and discuss its relevance in real life.
  - Students will analyze the characters and their motivations.
  - Students will reflect on the consequences of words and actions.
  - Students will create an alternative ending to the story that aligns with the moral.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think motivated the mother to threaten her child?
  2. How did the wolf's misunderstanding of the situation affect the outcome of the story?
  3. Can you think of a time when a threat made in anger led to unexpected results?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of The Wolf and the Babe
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for student reflections

✓ Original text available on the story page.