LESSON PLAN

# The Wolf and the Shepherd

| GRADES | TIME | READING LEVEL |
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| 2–5 | 50 min | 4 |

## Lesson flow




5 min

### Opening Hook

- Begin with a brief discussion on trust. Ask students if they have ever trusted someone who let them down, setting the stage for the story.

15–20 min

### Story Exploration

- Read the story aloud. After reading, ask students to summarize the plot in their own words. Discuss the characters and their roles.

15 min

### Analysis Exercises

- Divide students into small groups. Each group will analyze the Shepherd's decision to trust the Wolf and discuss alternative actions he could have taken. Have them present their ideas to the class.

10 min

### Application/Reflection

- Ask students to reflect on the moral of the story. They can write a short paragraph on a time they learned a lesson about trust.

5 min

### Assessment Strategy

- Quick quiz with 3-5 questions about the story's plot and moral, assessing comprehension and retention.

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# STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Wolf and the Shepherd; Beware of misplaced trust, as appearances can be deceiving and those who seem harmless may have hidden intentions.
- **Plot Summary**: In this moral story, a Wolf follows a flock of sheep without causing any harm, leading the Shepherd to trust him as a protector. However, when the Shepherd leaves his flock in the Wolf's care, the Wolf betrays that trust and attacks the sheep. The Shepherd realizes too late that he should have remained vigilant.
- **Key Characters**:
  - **Wolf**: Represents deceit and the dangers of misplaced trust.
  - **Shepherd**: Symbolizes the need for vigilance and the consequences of naivety.

# LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral of the story and its implications in real life.

    - Students will analyze character motivations and their significance.
    - Students will discuss the consequences of misplaced trust.
    - Students will connect the story to contemporary examples of trust and betrayal.
- **Discussion Questions**:
    - What does the Wolf's behavior suggest about appearances?
    - Why do you think the Shepherd decided to trust the Wolf?
    - Can you think of a real-life situation where someone was betrayed due to misplaced trust?
- **Required Materials**:
    - Copies of the story "The Wolf and the Shepherd"
    - Whiteboard and markers
    - Paper and pens for note-taking

✓ Original text available on the story page.