LESSON PLAN

The Wolf the Fox and the Ape

GRADES	TIME	READING LEVEL
2–4	50 min	5

Lesson flow



5 min

Opening Hook

Begin with a brief discussion about trust. Ask students to share their thoughts on why trust is important in friendships and family relationships.

15–20 min

Story Exploration

Read the story aloud to the class. Pause at key moments to allow students to predict what will happen next and to gauge their understanding.

15 min

Analysis Exercises

Divide students into small groups. Each group will analyze one character’s actions and motivations, discussing how these contribute to the story's moral. Groups will then share their findings with the class.

10 min

Application/Reflection

Have students write a short reflection on a time they faced a situation involving honesty or dishonesty. Encourage them to think about the outcome and how it affected trust in that situation.

5 min

Assessment Strategy

Conclude with a quick group discussion where students can share their reflections. Assess understanding through their engagement and contributions during the discussion.

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title and moral/theme**: The Wolf, the Fox, and the Ape; Moral: Dishonesty undermines trust, leading others to doubt your integrity even when you speak the truth.
- **Plot Summary**: In this thought-provoking moral story, a Wolf accuses a Fox of stealing from him. The Fox vehemently denies the accusation, prompting an Ape to step in as a mediator. After hearing both sides, the Ape delivers a judgment that illustrates the consequences of dishonesty and the challenge of regaining trust.
- **Key Characters and their significance**:
  - **Wolf**: Represents dishonesty and the consequences that come with it.
  - **Fox**: Embodies denial and the struggle for integrity amidst accusations.
  - **Ape**: Acts as the judge, symbolizing wisdom and the impartial perspective needed to discern truth from deceit.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives**:
  - Students will understand the moral implications of dishonesty.
  - Students will analyze the actions and motivations of the characters in the story.
  - Students will relate the story's themes to real-life situations.
  - Students will discuss the impact of trust and integrity in relationships.
- **Discussion Questions**:
  1. What do you think the Fox could have done differently to prove his honesty?
  2. How does the Ape's judgment reflect on the nature of trust?
  3. Can you think of a situation where you or someone you know faced the consequences of dishonesty?
- **Required Materials**:
  - Copies of the story "The Wolf, the Fox, and the Ape"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pencils for students

✓ Original text available on the story page.