LESSON PLAN

The Wolves and the Sheep

GRADES	READING LEVEL
2–5	4

STORY OVERVIEW

- **Title:** The Wolves and the Sheep
- **Moral/Theme:** Beware of deceitful persuasion, as it can lead to your own downfall.
- **Plot Summary:** In this thought-provoking moral story, the Wolves manipulate the Sheep into believing that the Dogs are the true threat. The Sheep, swayed by the Wolves' deceitful words, dismiss the Dogs, only to be left unprotected and ultimately fall prey to the Wolves. This tale serves as a cautionary reminder of the dangers of being misled by persuasive yet harmful rhetoric.
- **Key Characters:**
  - **Wolves:** Represent deceit and manipulation, showcasing how persuasive words can lead to betrayal.
  - **Sheep:** Symbolize innocence and naivety, illustrating the consequences of easily trusting others.

LESSON FUNDAMENTALS

- **Learning Objectives:**

- Students will identify the moral of the story.
- Students will analyze the characters' motivations and actions.
- Students will discuss the impact of persuasion and deception in real-life situations.
- Students will reflect on personal experiences related to trust and betrayal.

- **Discussion Questions:**
  1. How did the Wolves manipulate the Sheep, and what could the Sheep have done differently?
  2. Can you think of a time when you were persuaded to make a decision that had negative consequences?
  3. Why is it important to question the motives of those who persuade us?
- **Required Materials:**
  - Copies of "The Wolves and the Sheep"
  - Whiteboard and markers
  - Paper and pens for reflection

LESSON FLOW

- **Opening Hook (5 min):**

Begin with a brief discussion on persuasion. Ask students if they've ever been persuaded to do something that later turned out to be a bad idea. Share a short, impactful moral story that relates to deception.

- **Story Exploration (15-20 min):**

Read "The Wolves and the Sheep" aloud. After reading, engage the students in a discussion about the plot, characters, and initial impressions of the moral of the story.

- **Analysis Exercises (15 min):**

Divide students into small groups to analyze the Wolves' and Sheep's actions. Each group will identify key moments of deception and trust, and create a list of what the Sheep could have done differently to protect themselves.

- **Application/Reflection (10 min):**

Bring the class back together and allow each group to share their findings. Then, prompt a reflection on how the story relates to their lives. Encourage students to think about how they can apply the moral in their own decisions.

- **Assessment Strategy (5 min):**

Have students write a short paragraph summarizing the moral of the story and how it applies to a real-life situation they have experienced or observed.

SUPPORTING ELEMENTS

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✓ Original text available on the story page.