

Recount Stories and Determine Moral

Standard Description

Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.

Lesson Objectives

1. Identify and summarize the key elements of fables, folktales, and myths.
2. Analyze the central message, lesson, or moral of the text.
3. Explain how details in the text convey its message.

Activities

1. Read a fable or folktale from the provided passage.
2. Group activity: Summarize the story and identify the central message.
3. Worksheet: Analyze the story's key details and write your own folktale.

Reading Passage

A long time ago, in a dense forest, a mighty lion caught a tiny mouse who was scurrying about. The mouse pleaded for its life, promising to repay the lion's kindness someday. The lion laughed at the idea, finding it amusing that such a small creature could ever help him. However, the lion was feeling generous and decided to let the mouse go. Days turned into weeks, and the lion forgot about the mouse. One fateful afternoon, the lion was roaming the forest when he stumbled into a hunter's trap. A heavy net fell over him, and no matter how hard he struggled, he couldn't free himself. Roaring in frustration, the lion attracted the attention of the mouse. Recognizing the lion, the mouse sprang into action. Despite its small size, the mouse's sharp teeth quickly gnawed through the ropes, freeing the lion. Overwhelmed with gratitude, the lion said, 'You've shown me that even the smallest creatures can make a big difference.' From that day on, the lion and the mouse became friends. Their story spread through the forest, teaching others the value of kindness and how even the smallest acts of compassion can create lasting bonds.

Worksheet

1. What is the central message of the story?
2. What key details support this message?
3. How does the lion's attitude change from the beginning to the end of the story?
4. Write a short fable with a similar moral.