

What Is The Gracie Series?

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Key Takeaways

- The story is the starting point. Conversation, reflection, and application help turn the story into a learning experience.
- Each story is supported by four printable activities: Complete-the-Sentence Worksheet, Learn Together Discussion Sheet, Story Reflection Sheet, and Coloring Sheet.
- The resources can support literacy, comprehension, vocabulary, critical thinking, creativity, character development, and life skills.
- The materials are flexible enough for classrooms, homeschools, libraries, after-school programs, and family learning at home.
- Adults can choose the activities that best fit the child's age, needs, learning goals, and available time.

Putting It Into Practice

Before watching	Choose one learning goal for the story: comprehension, discussion, reflection, character, or another skill.
While watching	Notice the child's reactions, questions, predictions, and connections to the characters or events.
After watching	Use one or more printable activities and invite the child to explain ideas in their own words.
Extend the lesson	Connect the story's message to a real-life choice, experience, or situation.

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Reflection & Discussion

1. What makes a short story useful as a starting point for learning?

2. Which of the four printable activities would be most useful with the children you serve, and why?

3. How could you adapt a Gracie story for different ages or learning needs?

4. What opportunities do stories create for children who may be reluctant to participate in traditional lessons?

My Next Step

Choose one Gracie story. Identify one literacy goal and one character or life-skill goal you could address with the same story.

Continue Learning: Watch the complete Professional Development series and explore the free Gracie stories and printable activities at GraceLaJoy.com/worksheets.