

Every Story Becomes a Complete Learning Lesson

Professional Development Handout 3 of 6

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Key Takeaways

- Comprehension begins with understanding what happened, who was involved, and why events unfolded as they did.
- Discussion gives children opportunities to explain ideas, listen to others, and consider different perspectives.
- Reflection encourages children to connect the story to their own experiences, feelings, choices, and values.
- Creative activities can reinforce the lesson while giving younger learners another way to participate and express themselves.
- Literacy and character learning can happen together rather than as separate lessons.

Putting It Into Practice

1. Watch	Experience the animated story and focus first on understanding the events.
2. Check understanding	Use the Complete-the-Sentence Worksheet or oral questions to reinforce comprehension and vocabulary.
3. Discuss	Use the Learn Together Discussion Sheet to encourage conversation and critical thinking.
4. Reflect	Use the Story Reflection Sheet to help children make personal connections.
5. Create and apply	Use the Coloring Sheet or another creative response, then connect the lesson to everyday life.

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Reflection & Discussion

1. Which part of the learning sequence is easiest for you to use? Which part could you strengthen?

2. How does asking children to explain their thinking deepen comprehension?

3. What can reflection reveal that a right-or-wrong worksheet may not reveal?

4. How could one story support both an academic objective and a character objective?

My Next Step

Plan a mini-lesson using one Gracie story. Write one comprehension question, one discussion question, one reflection question, and one real-life application.

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