

Legend of the Dipper | Lesson Plan

Why is sharing with others an important character trait?

Students will learn that sharing and helping others are important values that can positively impact individuals and communities.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the significance of sharing and helping others.
- Recall and narrate the events of the Big Dipper legend.
- Identify and define key vocabulary words related to the story.
- Apply the values of sharing and helping others in their daily lives.
- Explain how sharing and helping others can positively impact individuals and communities.

Key Vocabulary:

- **Legend:** A story about a particular person, place, or thing handed down by tradition.
- **Brave:** Ready to face and endure danger or pain; showing courage.
- **Unselfish:** Willing to put the needs or wishes of others before one's own.
- **Kindness:** The quality of being friendly, generous, and considerate.
- **Dipper:** A ladle or scoop used for liquids.
- **Big Dipper:** A prominent group of seven stars in Ursa Major's constellation.

Educational Standards: CCRA.R.2, CCRA.R.3, CCRA.SL.1

Academic Subject Areas: English Language Arts, Life lessons, Character Development

What You'll Need

- Video: *Otto's Tales: Legend of the Dipper* (Watch [Here](#))
- Worksheet: *Otto's Tales: Legend of the Dipper* (Click [Here](#))
- Construction paper, crayons or markers, glue

Lesson Plan (45 mins.)

Warm-Up: (5-10 mins.)

1. Begin by showing students the constellation known as the Big Dipper. Ask the students what they already know. Ask them what they notice about the position of the stars. Does it look like any household object they know?
2. Explain what a legend is (a story handed down by tradition) and that they will learn about the legend of the Big Dipper star constellation. Explain what a dipper is and how it is a ladle or scoop used for liquids.

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3. Ask students about a time they helped someone by sharing something or meeting a need. Have them turn to a partner to share their story. Call on a few students to share with the whole class.
4. Use their responses to introduce the topic of sharing in this Otto's Tales video.

Watch and Complete: (25 mins.)

1. Play the video *Otto's Tales: Legend of the Dipper* for the students.
2. Pause at opportune moments in the video to ask questions and check for understanding.
 - Who is the story's main character, and where is she going?
 - Identify the little girl's problem in the story.
 - Who are the characters the little girl encountered, what is their problem, and how did the girl solve it?
 - How was the girl unselfish or selfless?
 - Why did the little girl's dipper change every time she helped someone?
 - Why did the dipper end up in the sky as a constellation? What is it supposed to represent?
3. Once the video is done, divide the students into groups of three or four.
4. Instruct the students to develop a short skit where their characters work together to assist someone in need.
5. Have the groups present their skits to the class.

Wrap-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Assess the students' creativity and ability to incorporate the lesson of sharing and helping others in their skit.
2. Ask students how they can apply what they've learned about helping others to their own lives. How can they help someone at home, school, or community?
3. Allow students to complete the worksheet as a take-home assignment or formative assessment.

Don't have time for the complete lesson? Quick Activity (15-20 mins.)

Watch the video as a class, lead a brief discussion, and distribute the worksheet for students to work on in class or take home. Allow students to discuss their favorite character or part of the story and share one thing they learned about sharing and helping others.