The Boy Who Went To The Sky | Lesson Plan

How does honesty and integrity affect our lives and the way we are perceived by others?

Students will understand that honesty and integrity are important values, and they will be able to explain how the boy's actions in the folktale "The Boy Who Went to the Sky" illustrate the consequences of dishonesty and the importance of acting with integrity.

Learning Objectives:
- Identify what a folktale is and understand its characteristics.
- Recount the folktale "The Boy Who Went to the Sky."
- Explain the importance of honesty and integrity.
- Discuss the consequences of dishonesty.
- Identify the moral of the story.

Key Vocabulary:
- **Folktale**: A traditional story passed down through generations, often with a moral or lesson.
- **Honesty**: The quality of being truthful.
- **Integrity**: Doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.
- **Consequences**: The result or effect of an action or condition.
- **Moral**: A lesson that can be learned from a story or experience.

Educational Standards: CCRA.RL.1, CCRA.RL.2, CCRA.RL.4, CCRA.SL.1, CCRA.SL.2

Academic Subject Areas: Life Lessons, Native American, American Values

What You'll Need
- Video: *Otto's Tales: The Boy Who Went To Sky* (Watch [Here](#))
- Worksheet: *Otto's Tales: The Boy Who Went To Sky* (Click [Here](#))

Lesson Plan (45 mins.)
Warm-Up: (10 mins.)
1. Begin by explaining what a folktale is: a traditional story passed down through generations. Today, students will learn the Cherokee folktale "The Boy Who Went to the Sky."
2. Ask students if they have heard any folktales before and share some titles if they have (e.g., Johnny Appleseed, John Bunyan, etc.).
3. Introduce and explain the key vocabulary: folktale, honesty, integrity, consequences, moral.

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4. Ask students to think about a time when they faced a situation that required honesty and integrity. Discuss how it felt to be honest, to act with integrity, and what happened as a result.
5. Explain that sometimes people make mistakes, but it's important to be honest about them. Let the students know that they will listen to a story about a boy who learned a valuable lesson about honesty and integrity.

<u>Watch and Complete</u>: (25 mins.)
1. Watch the video "Otto's Tales: The Boy Who Went to the Sky" with the students.
2. Engage students in a discussion about the story, focusing on the following questions:
    - Who are the main characters in the story?
    - What problem does the boy encounter?
    - How does the boy try to solve the problem?
    - What are the consequences of his actions?
3. After the story, discuss the moral of the story:
    - What lessons can we learn from "The Boy Who Went to the Sky"?
    - Why is it important to be honest and have integrity?

<u>Wrap-Up</u>: (10 mins.)
1. Explain that the next activity will help them understand the sequence of events in "The Boy Who Went to the Sky."
2. Hand out the Story Sequence Chart worksheet.
3. Instruct students to look at the pictures on the worksheet and number the scenes in order from first to last.
4. After completing the worksheet, discuss the sequence of events as a class.
5. Ask students to explain why the boy decided to cheat and what happened as a result.
6. Evaluate students based on their ability to:
    - Correctly sequence the story of "The Boy Who Went to the Sky."
    - Explain the moral of the story.
    - Discuss the importance of honesty and integrity.
7. Close with an encouraging call to action: Highlight the lesson from "The Boy Who Went to the Sky," emphasizing honesty and integrity. Discuss how being truthful and following the rules can positively affect their lives and the community. Encourage students to always act with integrity, even when it's challenging, and to think of ways they can demonstrate honesty in their daily activities.

Don't have time for the complete lesson? Quick Activity (15-20 mins.)
After reading the story, distribute the Story Sequence Chart worksheet and allow students to complete it on their own. Conclude with a discussion about the importance of honesty and integrity.