

## Mr. Rabbit's Thanksgiving | Lesson Plan

Why is it important to be generous and compassionate towards others?

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Students will understand the importance of compassion, generosity, and community through *Mr. Rabbit's Thanksgiving story*.

### Learning Objectives:

- Recall key details from the story and explain Mr. Rabbit's actions demonstrating compassion and generosity.
- Identify the story's characters and describe their feelings and actions, linking them to the concepts of sharing and community.
- Apply the moral lessons from the story to real life and illustrate a scenario where compassion and generosity are used.
- Discuss the theme of Thanksgiving and reflect on what things to be thankful for in real life.

### Key Vocabulary:

- **Thanksgiving:** The expression of gratitude; a holiday occurring on the fourth Thursday in November, based on the colonial Pilgrims' 1621 harvest meal.
- **Harvest:** The process or period of gathering in crops.
- **Turnip:** A round root with white or cream flesh eaten as a vegetable.
- **Generosity:** The quality of being kind and giving in a way that is more than what is necessary or expected.
- **Compassionate:** Feeling or showing sympathy and concern for others.

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

**Academic Subject Areas:** U.S. Holidays, Life Lessons, Character Development

### What You'll Need

- Video: *Otto's Tales: Mr. Rabbit's Thanksgiving* (Watch [Here](#))
- Coloring Page: *Otto's Tales: Mr. Rabbit's Thanksgiving* (Click [Here](#))
- Drawing paper and art supplies
- Whiteboard or chart paper for vocabulary words

### Lesson Plan (45 mins.)

Warm-Up: (10 mins.)

1. Ask students what they know about the holiday of Thanksgiving. Discuss the concepts of gratitude, sharing, and helping others.
2. Introduce key vocabulary words and ask students to give examples or definitions.



Watch and Complete: (20 mins.)

- Show the video of *Mr. Rabbit's Thanksgiving* to the students.
- Pause at key moments to discuss the actions and feelings of the characters.
- Ask students specific questions about the story to ensure understanding and engagement:
  - Who are the characters in the story?
  - Where does the story take place?
  - What problems did Mr. Rabbit's friends have?
  - How did Mr. Rabbit show compassion to his friends?
  - What did Mr. Rabbit serve for his Thanksgiving dinner?
  - How did his friends respond to his generosity?
  - What are some ways that you can be generous to your friends?

Wrap-Up: (15 mins.)

1. Have students draw a picture of a time when they were compassionate or generous or a scene from the story where Mr. Rabbit shows these qualities.
2. Let students share their drawings. Discuss how they can apply the lessons from the story to their lives. Collect student drawings as a formative assessment.
3. Reinforce the importance of being thankful and helping others, relating to the story and the celebration of Thanksgiving.

**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 *Otto's Tales: Mr. Rabbit's Thanksgiving* coloring page for students to work on in class or take home.