

## Understanding Stories' Messages

### Today's Standard

3.RL.2 - Recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures; determine the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Discussing the moral of 'The Tortoise and the Hare' with classmates.; Comparing the lessons in different cultural folktales.; Writing a summary of a myth and its central message.; Identifying the lesson in a story read during library time.

### Today I Learned

Today, I learned how to recount stories and find their central messages, lessons, or morals. We looked at fables, folktales, and myths from different cultures.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think the message is always stated clearly in the story, but it's not. Also, they might think there's only one message in a story, but there can be more than one.

### Quiz Me

- What is a fable?
- Can you tell me a folktale you know?
- What does 'central message' mean?
- How do we find the lesson in a story?
- Why do stories have morals?

### Help Me

Stories often teach us important lessons. For example, 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' teaches us not to lie. We can find these lessons by looking at what happens to the characters and thinking about what the story is trying to tell us.