



FOCUS on CHARACTER
Lesson Plans

Unit Overview

Grades K-6

Every Lesson:

- Identifies **key vocabulary** and **tricky phrasing**
- Includes **discussion starters** and **questions to check for understanding**
- Features engaging **writing prompts**
- Includes **activities** and at least one **printable** activity or resource

Aligned to
Common Standards

Every lesson plan aligns with grade-level standards in **Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening and Literacy**.
Every lesson plan supports **ASCA Mindsets & Behaviors**.

Seven book-based lesson plans that elaborate on the 'N' in NED's name.

IDEAL FOR
PRIMARY
K-2
LESSON PLANS

Book Title and Author	Printable Activities	Themes
 <p>The Little Engine that Could Watty Piper</p> <p>ideal for K</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kid Writing: Write key phrases & story recall • Adjective Images: Oral language development 	Determination Confidence Positive Thinking Risk-Taking
 <p>Luke Goes to Bat Rachel Isadora</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal Setting: Identify goals and achievable steps 	Practice Encourage Others Perseverance
 <p>Thank You, Mr. Falker Patricia Polacco</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emotion Words Slide: Identify emotions • Sweet Bookmarks: Personalize inspiring bookmarks 	

IDEAL FOR
INTERMEDIATE
3-6
LESSON PLANS

Book Title and Author	Printable Activities	Themes
 <p>A Boy Called Slow Joseph Bruchac</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story Structure: Create a new, personalized story based on the book structure 	Determination Taking Risks Perseverance Overcoming Obstacles
 <p>The Junkyard Wonders Patricia Polacco</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Definition of Genius: Poem memorization • Character Chart: Recall details and characters (includes guide) 	Learning from Mistakes Problem Solving Practice Acceptance
 <p>Snowflake Bentley Jaqueline Briggs Martin Illustrated by Mary Azarian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilson's Snowflakes: Discussion starter/building background • KWL Chart: Critical thinking/building background 	Empathy/Compassion Resolve
 <p>Martin's Big Words Doreen Rappaport Illustrated by Bryan Collier</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech Transcript: MLK's I Have a Dream speech 	