



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 'E' in NED's name.

IDEAL FOR PRIMARY LESSON PLANS K-2

| Book Title and Author   | Printable Activities   | Themes  |
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|  <p><b>And Two Boys Booid</b><br/>Judith Viorst<br/>Illustrated by Sophie Blackall</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lift-the-Flap Page:</b> Personal experience recall</li> <li>• <b>Ways to Encourage Others:</b> Simple reminder cards</li> </ul>  | Encourage Others<br>Confidence<br>Practice<br>Kindness/Unkindness |
|  <p><b>Giraffes Can't Dance</b><br/>Giles Andreae<br/>Illustrated by Guy Parker-Rees</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Writing Prompt:</b> Writing practice</li> <li>• <b>Encourage Others Jar:</b> Entry forms</li> <li>• <b>Kind or Unkind:</b> NED head puppets</li> <li>• <b>Puppet Stories:</b> Story retelling</li> </ul> | Do Your Best<br>Self-Esteem                                       |
|  <p><b>Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon</b><br/>Patty Lovell &amp; Ill. by David Catrow</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mini NED Figures:</b> Encouraging others game</li> <li>• <b>The NED Poem:</b> Fluency practice</li> </ul>  |   |

IDEAL FOR INTERMEDIATE LESSON PLANS 3-6

| Book Title and Author  | Printable Activities   | Themes  |
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|  <p><b>How Full Is Your Bucket? For Kids</b><br/>Tom Rath &amp; Mary Reckmeyer<br/>Illustrated by Maurie J. Manning</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bucket &amp; Drops:</b> Interactive display</li> <li>• <b>Class Bucket:</b> Morning reflection</li> <li>• <b>Self-Assessment Cards:</b> Behavior management</li> </ul> | Encourage Others<br>Kindness/Unkindness<br>Bucket Filling/Dipping<br>Pay-It-Forward |
|  <p><b>The Invisible Boy</b><br/>Trudy Ludwig<br/>Illustrated by Patrice Barton</p>                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Can-You-See-Me Chart:</b> Personal reflection</li> </ul>   | Inclusion<br>Manners<br>Friendship  |
|  <p><b>Do Unto Otters: A Book about Manners</b><br/>Laurie Keller</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Project Planning Sheet:</b> Art project</li> <li>• <b>NED Mural Example:</b> Art project</li> </ul>  |   |
|  <p><b>be happy!</b><br/>Monica Sheehan</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Graphic Organizer:</b> Pre-write brainstorming</li> <li>• <b>Page Planner:</b> First draft writing</li> <li>• <b>Peer Edit Guidelines</b></li> </ul>                   |   |

