

Scope & Sequence: *Tales of Wonder & Imagination*

Fairy tales and fables, like any other wisdom story, contain deep messages on how to live an empowered life. When we expose our children to the wisdom in these stories, we are providing for them a road map through life. By exploring the actions, choices and outcomes the characters experienced, our children can gain insight into what is happening in their own lives.

Often the child in the story is left out or abandoned in some way, yet, they are always able to overcome their circumstances through their own innate wisdom and power. It is important for our children to understand this and claim their power.

Children instinctively know that these stories are just stories. They understand that they are not true on a literally level but are examples of the inner challenges we all must face and overcome. Also, we all have experiences that are challenging or frightening. Fairy tales tell the children that these challenging or frightening experiences can be overcome and that they are not powerless. For Ages 5 to 10

Week	Lesson Title	Key Learning	Story
1	“One Good Deed”	No matter how big or small we might be, what we choose to do can have a positive effect on others.	“The Lion & The Mouse,” <i>Aesop’s Fables</i> , p 41
2	“Strength in Numbers”	Sometimes we feel like we are alone or we feel as though we have been excluded. We forget that Spirit is within us, always present.	“The Bundle of Sticks,” <i>Aesop’s Fables</i> , p 53
3	“The Results of Our Choices”	Everyday we have choices to make and all of our choices have results.	“The Three Little Pigs” (Story is printed at the end of the lesson.)

4	"I Have the Power"	There are times when we all face people who don't believe in us, but we can overcome this.	<i>The Rough Faced Girl</i> , by Rafe Martin
5	"I Am Fully Present"	Sometimes we just want to hurry through things rather than taking our time and doing our best.	"The Tortoise & The Hare," <i>Aesop's Fables</i> , p 19
6	"Kindness Makes a Difference"	We are sometimes distracted and don't always take the time to express our gratitude.	"The Elves & the Shoemaker," <i>The Complete Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> by The Brothers Grimm
7	"I Have My Own Mind"	Deciding whether to go along with the crowd or express my own thoughts is not always easy.	"The Emperor's New Clothes," Hans Christian Anderson
8	"My Words Have Power"	Honesty, while not always easy, is necessary if we want to be thought of as trustworthy.	"The Boy Who Cried Wolf," <i>Aesop's Fables</i>
9	"Be Careful What You Promise"	When we are in a jam, we might make promises without thinking about the consequences.	"Rumpelstiltskin," <i>The Complete Grimm's Fairy Tales</i> by The Brothers Grimm
10	"Seeing Beyond Appearances"	We are more than what we look like.	"The Ant & the Chrysalis," <i>Aesop's Fables</i>