

# Lesson Overview

## Troy and the Maze of Thieves

### **CASEL Standards:**

**RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKING:** The abilities to make caring and constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions across diverse situations. This includes the capacities to consider ethical standards and safety concerns, and to evaluate the benefits and consequences of various actions for personal, social, and collective well-being.

### **Academic Standards:**

Common Core English/Language Arts Standards:

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.3.2

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.4.2

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.5.2

Determine the main ideas and supporting details of a text read aloud or information presented in diverse media and formats, including visually, quantitatively, and orally.

### **Objective:**

Use responsible decision-making to understand the consequences of one's own actions.

### **Essential Questions:**

How can I make good decisions?

### **I Can:**

I can make good decisions.



# Mindful Teaching Tips

Teachers, consider making a class contract with your students to outline your expectations as the teacher and their expectations as students. How will they behave and what are the consequences for certain types of behavior. Display this in the classroom so that students are reminded of the classroom contract.

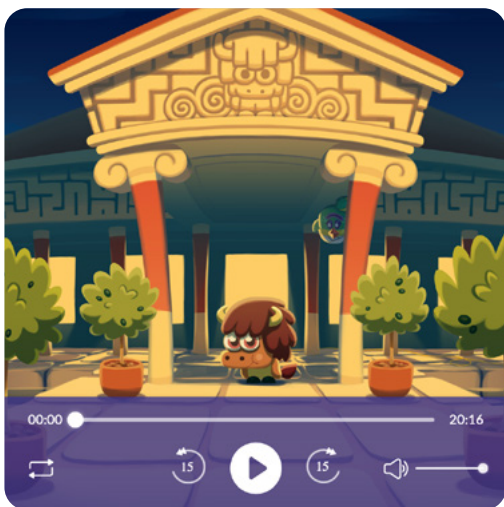
Don't forget to give students the space they need to make mistakes. Create an open, safe space where mistakes can be reflected upon rather than immediately punitive. Helping students navigate challenging situations means they will learn a lot of valuable lessons they can take with them into the future.

## Teaching Transcript

Our adventure begins in Moshiathos with a Macho Minotaur named Troy. He lived deep in a maze which had a treasure in the middle. His job was to guard the treasure, but some Moshlings spent their time dreaming of how to steal the treasure.

Just like the genie and his friends, we don't always make the right decisions. Believe it or not, we learn the biggest lessons when we make the wrong decision.

- What is a big mistake that you made?
- What did you learn from it?
- What happened?
- How was this lesson important to you?
- How did your decision impact other things?



# Home Time Activity

A maze has multiple paths you can take while a labyrinth is a single path that twists and turns. Just like Troy's house, our lives are full of different paths depending on decisions we make.

Print some mazes online and have fun solving them together. See who can get to the end first. If you are feeling creative, draw your own maze and see if someone can find their way out! Talk with your child while solving the mazes about how making different decisions can move your life in different directions.

## Weekly Theme Card

What would you do if the genie asked you to help steal the treasure with him?

Here are some sticky situations – what decision would you make?

- Your best friend asked if they could look at your paper during a test. You know you aren't supposed to share answers, but you don't want your friend to fail the test. What do you do?
- At recess, you hear some kids making fun of a person in your class. They are all laughing and you can see the person's feelings are hurt. Should you say or do something to help? What if they start to make fun of you?
- You forgot your pencil at home and now you need one for math class. Your friend said you should just go up and take one off the teacher's desk. Should you go and take the pencil?
- Your younger sibling borrowed one of your favorite toys. When you went into their room, you saw it was broken! What do you do?

