

Sample Lesson Plan – Parable Writing – Grades 9-12

- Objectives:
 - Appreciate Jesus’ method of teaching and communicating
 - Parable writing

- Journey to Excellence connection:
 - Commitment to God
 - Commitment to the Church
 - Family and Interpersonal Relationships
 - Responsible Citizenship
 - Healthy Balanced Living
 - Intellectual Development
 - Communication Skills
 - Life Skills
 - Aesthetic Appreciation
 - Career and Service

- Materials needed:
 - Parables of Jesus
 - Writing tools
 - Illustrating tools (paints, crayons, computer, etc.)

- Process:
 - Teacher activities:
 - Discuss and define characteristics of parables and fables
 - Read several parables from the Bible
 - Read several “secular” parables/fables (children’s picture books, i.e. *The Giving Tree*, *The Runaway Bunny*, *The Clown of God*, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*, etc.)
 - Identify and discuss characteristics of these Parables
 - Brainstorm ideas/themes for parable writing
 - Student activities:
 - Write and illustrate parable
 - Sharing and Evaluating
 - Peer edit parables
 - Revise parables
 - Teacher evaluation
 - Publish/share parables
 - Read to an elementary classroom
 - Read for Children’s story in church
 - Publish in school/conference/union publication

- Curriculum Connections:
 - Religion
 - Technology
 - Art
 - Communications