Theme: The Lord Tells a Parable

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

A. All the Word is a parable (a story with hidden meanings)

B. We should love the Lord and our neighbor.

C. We should love the good in everyone, for that is our neighbor.

II. Story Circle

A. Introduce the Story
   1. The Lord came on earth to show people to be good. Sometimes, He told the people stories to help them learn to do the right thing. One story was about a man who was hurt by robbers. Let's listen to the story from the Word.

B. Tell/Read the Story
   1. (Luke 10:30-37)
   2. See attached retelling of the story.

C. Ideas to Discuss
   1. What did the robbers do to the man? (They hurt him, took his clothes and left him by the side of the road, half dead.)
   2. What did the priest do when he saw the hurt man? (He passed by on the other side.)
   3. The Levite came next. Did he stop to help the man? (No. He passed by on the other side.)
   4. Then the Samaritan came by. What did he do when he saw the wounded man? (He helped the man. He bandaged his wounds, poured oil and wine on the wounds, and took him to an inn [like a motel]. He took very good care of the hurt man.)

D. Further Ideas
   1. The Lord told this story to show the people that they should be kind to other people if they want to be able to live in heaven. We should be like the good Samaritan, too. We should try to help people. Can you think of some ways that you can help your family, friends, neighbors, and other people in the world?
III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music
   1. "All that the Lord has spoken," *Hymnal* #245.
   2. "When He cometh," *Hymnal* #150 (about the Lord gathering "gems" for his kingdom - heaven).
   3. "The Good Samaritan," *Lori’s Songs I*, Side 2. (You could let the children listen to this in the Story Circle and/or during project time.

B. Project - Bandage the Wounded Man
   1. Materials needed
      a. Precut man for each child from stiff paper such as oak tag or poster board
      b. Strips of cloth for bandages
      c. Markers to make a face on the man
      d. Cotton balls
      e. Fabric for blankets
      f. Text strips
   2. Motivation
      a. Let’s make a wounded man for you to care for! We need to draw a face on the man. Show a cut on an arm and perhaps one on his leg, too. Then help the man by putting bandages around his cuts. And carry him to the inn and put him on a bed.
   3. Procedure
      a. Make a face on precut figures of wounded man.
      b. Show where he is wounded.
      c. Wrap bandages around the wounds.
      d. Make a bed for the man, with a piece of paper (construction or poster board) for the mattress, a cotton pillow, and a blanket from the fabric.
      e. Glue text strips onto the bed, underneath the man.

C. Activities
   1. Dramatize the Story
      a. Props: Strips of cloth for bandages, containers for (imaginary) wine and oil, 2 coins, something to indicate the road and inn, etc.
      b. Roles: wounded man, priest, Levite, Samaritan, innkeeper. (We omit the robbers and their violence.)
      c. Action: Dramatize the story from when the priest walks by the hurt man to when the man is left with the innkeeper.
   2. Take a Turn as the Good Samaritan
      a. To be done instead of or in addition to the above.
      b. Take turns being the good Samaritan bandaging the hurt man and pouring wine and oil on them.
IV. Teaching Aids
   A. Illustrations of the Good Samaritan.

V. Further Reading for the Teacher
And behold, a man stood up and asked the Lord, "Teacher, what shall I do to be able to go to heaven?"

And the Lord asked the man what he thought the answer was, and the man said, "To love the Lord and the neighbor."

The Lord said, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."

But the man said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Then Jesus answered with a story.

A man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among robbers who took his clothes, hurt him and went away leaving him half dead.

Now a priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side of the road.

And a Levite came and looked at the man, then went on his way.

But a Samaritan came to where the hurt man was. And when he saw him, he felt sorry for him.

And he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

On the next day, when he left, he took out two denari, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, "Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you."

Then the Lord asked which of these three men was neighbor to the man who was hurt by the robbers.
The good Samaritan —and when he saw the hurt man, he felt sorry for him. And he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And he set him on his animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.  

Luke 10:34