

understanding those who are different

objective

to teach children that people may look and act differently than they do, but Heavenly Father loves us all the same.

Opening Song: "I'll Walk With You" (Children's Songbook, p. 140)

Opening Prayer: By invitation

Scripture: Luke 6:31 Display and read together.

Lesson: "Different" doesn't mean better or worse. Spread out the colored papers so that everyone can see all of them.

Ask: Which color do you think is the best? Which color do you think is the worst?

Explain that there is no color that is better or worse than the others. They are all just different from each other. People come in varieties, too.

Ask: In what ways are our family members different? (color of eyes and hair, age, height, personality, etc.) In what other ways are people different? (race, culture, mental or physical condition, etc.)

Story: "The New Animal"

This story is a fable. A fable is a story meant to teach a moral lesson. The characters are often animals and although the story could not have happened, the lesson is valuable.

"The New Animal" is a fable with a very important lesson."

Activity (younger): Paper People - We are all different. That's what makes us special!

Activity (older): Put Yourself in Their Shoes (activity and instructions in envelope.)

Closing Song: "I'm Trying to be Like Jesus" (Children's Songbook, p. 78)

Closing Prayer: By invitation

Refreshments: S'Mores Brownies (see recipe)