

7th Grade New Testament (Gospels)**Lesson Plan:** Parables (Writing Your Own Parable)**Learning Goals:** Students will summarize and apply their understanding of the parable genre by writing an original parable of their own.**Question:** What is your best advice to a new middle school at Veritas?

Prayer

Discuss Question on Board

Have the students start by brainstorming and writing down their best piece of advice to a new student at Veritas. Write it down in only one sentence.

After students have come up with their best piece of advice and have written it down in one sentence on the top of a piece of paper, have students write a short parable to teach that piece of advice. Remember the characteristics of a parable we discussed in class (especially the following):

- **brief** and symmetrical
- typically omit unnecessary descriptions and leave motives unexplained
- usually taken from **everyday life**, but are not necessarily realistic
- often contain features that would strike the hearer as **unusual, unlikely**, or even **absurd** (this is often the point that invites hearers to a deeper, spiritual or metaphorical level of meaning)
- **Bonus:** often contain a reversal or call for a reversal of thinking

Give students the rest of the class period to write their parable and turn it in at the end of class.