

Imaginative Stories as Curriculum

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- I. Story
 - A. Problem
 - B. One Story
 - C. Parables

- II. Imagination
 - A. Good, Evil, Neutral?
 - B. We are images of God
 - C. Imagination Develops:
 - 1. Perspective
 - 2. Discernment
 - 3. Vision (faith)

- III. What do we Teach?
 - A. Meaning
 - B. Gospel
 - C. Culture

- IV. Why Use Trade Books?
 - A. Develop
 - B. Sustain
 - C. Real

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V. How to Use Trade Books?

A. Be inspired

B. Read together

C. Examples of Themes from *Around the World in 80 Days*.

1. Time

2. Honor

3. Imperialism

4. Personality

5. Relationships

D. Activity Ideas

1. Summarize, paraphrase, analyze

2. Small group or class discussion

3. Enjoy reading orally with proper expression and feeling

4. Trace themes

5. Role play characters

6. Questions for character and answers

7. Discuss the characters motivations

8. Journal entry of a character

9. Compare / Contrast characters

10. Identify change within characters

11. React with your opinion(s) or advice

12. Change the story / alternate ending / add a chapter

13. Bulletin boards

14. Have students prepare quizzes for each other

15. Have students prepare questions for the teacher (or class)

16. Make lists

17. Write maxims, poems, stories, or other creative responses

18. Research the story setting, time, or characters

19. Index Card Response

20. Identify metaphors/figures of speech/irony/vocabulary