Story Session Plan

Specific Goal of Lesson: To Teach acceptance of people different than ourselves.
Name of Story: The Ugly Ducking
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Tolerance Themes: To treat others who are different in a fair, equal, and nice way.

First Step
Introduce yourself and the difference between reading and telling, discussion questions and/or statements. Also set up the rules for being a good “story listener”

Second Step
Tolerance definition / questions / statements:

What do you think tolerance is?
Tolerance is accepting people for the things that make them different from you. What makes you different? What makes you the same? Would you like it if people did not like you because of the things that make you different? How would that make you feel?

Third Step
Story Set up Statements:

This story is about a duckling that is made fun of by everyone because he looks different from the other ducks. He leaves his home to search for a friend, and discovers in the end he was more than what he appeared to be.

Fourth Step
Mid-story Question to be asked by Leo:

"Have you ever been made fun of because you were different? How did that make you feel?"

Children will share their responses with each other.
Fifth Step

After telling discussion questions to be asked by LEO:

1. Why was the duckling treated so unfair and mean in the beginning of the story?
2. Did you see the tolerance theme in the story? (What we talked about before?)
3. How should the animals have treated the duckling?
4. Have you ever treated someone unfair/bad because they were different, and why?
5. How should we treat people who are different or look different from us?

Sixth Step

Description of Activity:

Leos will pass out the "before-and-after" picture of the duck and swan. Children will color the pictures, and tell the Leos and me something that the duck and swan have in common. I will explain to them: "Yes, they look different, but how are they also the same?" (example: they both have eyes; a beak; feathers; like to go swimming.)

Seventh Step: Wrap Up

What did you learn today?
Will you tell this story to anybody else?
Who will you tell? Why?
Would you like to do this again?

Final Statement

I had a great time. Thank you for letting us come here and share our story with you today. I hope you will share this with your family, and remember to treat others who are different the same as you would treat your best friend. Thank you for being a good audience.