Lesson Plan for: *The Perfect People*, written by: Cathi D'Avignon and illustrated by: Chiara Civati

Suggested grade level: K-2

Overview of book's message: An innocent and good-hearted person sees past outward appearances of others and discovers the truth about those people.

Objective of lesson: To challenge young minds to see past outward appearances or prejudices/ "To not judge a book by its cover."

Materials needed: picture book: *The Perfect People*, paper and drawing supplies

Steps:
1. Preparation to read the story
2. Reading the story out loud
3. Follow-up questions related to the story
4. Activities

Preparation:
1. Have the children look at the shield on the cover and guess what each symbol represents.

Reading the story out loud:
1. Have the children guess what kind of job the characters that Princess Caitlin encounters will be offered.
2. Before Princess Caitlin arrives home to her castle, discuss with the children how the King and Queen may react to Princess Caitlin's choices of job hires.

Follow-up questions related to the story:
1. Based on each character that was hired's outward appearance or previous judgement of them, why would anyone not hire them?
2. Why did Princess Caitlin hire each character?
3. Do you think that she made good selections?
4. What can this story teach us about people that at first seem imperfect?
5. Do you know anyone or know of anyone who has an amazing ability or talent despite having a physical or mental setback?
6. Why do you think the author wrote this story?

Activities:
1. Draw a scene for *The Perfect People* from the future depicting one of the characters fulfilling their new job.
2. Think of other jobs that may be needed in a castle and create a character that would be a great person to hire for that job even though other people may judge them to be not perfect. Draw a picture of your character doing their new job and tell the class about him/her.