Big and Small

A fun lesson to help students understand the concept of big and small and how to compare the two. The lesson involved hands-on activities to make the learning fun and engaging.

Grade Level: K - 1st
Subject: Math
Length of Time: 30 - 40 Minutes

Objectives & Outcomes
Students will be able to compare objects or things and describe their sizes.

Materials Needed
- blank papers
- pencils
- crayons
- large and small paper plates
- strings/yard
- large and small beads

Procedure

Opening to Lesson
- Wear a pair of shoes that are too big for you then gather the children to form a circle close to you.
- Tell the children you are having problems with your shoes because they keep coming off. Ask them what the problem might be.
- When a student responds with something like "that is because they are too big", ask that student to lend you his/her shoes.
- Then ask the children again about why the shoes are not right for your feet. When they say that it’s because it is too small or little, respond delightfully “You’re all right!”

Body of Lesson
- Ask the children to help you think of things that are big and small. Then tell them that big and small refer to size.
- Tell the children that today’s activities will be about big and small.
- On large paper plates, ask students to draw big/large things (elephants, houses, cars, etc.)
- On the small paper plates, ask students to draw small things (erasers, rice, pins, etc.)
- Next, students will be asked to make a bracelet or necklace using a big-small pattern.
Closing

- After children finish the activities, gather the children.
- Ask them what they learned about big and small (and other sizes if other words are introduced).
- Have a simple fun conversation to end the class by asking them “How do you think it feels to be an ant in a big world?”

Assessment & Evaluation

Assess the large and small paper plate drawings as well as the large-small pattern bracelet.

Related Lesson Plans

Sort It Out

Students will learn to categorize in various ways.

Even or Odd Nature Walk

Students will do a nature walk to find things in nature that are grouped in pairs that are odd or even.

Representing Addition and Subtraction

This lesson is designed to help students represent addition and subtraction with objects, fingers, mental images, drawings, sounds (e.g., claps), acting out situations, verbal explanations, expressions, or equations.

Graphing With Insects

This lesson is designed to teach students to draw a picture graph and a bar graph (with single-unit scale) to represent a data set with up to four categories. Plus, solve simple put-together, take-apart, and compare problems.