

grade level: 4-6
Famine curriculum

Lesson Aim: To learn about proverbs and to apply one to "Mrs. Fitzgerald and the Milk" and to "A Meal for a Stranger."

New York State Standards. Language Arts 2. Students will explain the meaning of literary works with some attention to meanings beyond the literal level.

1. A proverb is a short witty statement that says something about life that is believed to be true. Here are some proverbs:

Look before you leap.

Haste makes waste.

You can't tell a book by its cover.

Waste not; want not.

Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Can you think of

any more examples?

2. Here are three more examples of proverbs:

Charity begins at home.

A fool and his money are soon parted.

God shares with the person who is generous.

Which proverb goes best with "Mrs. Fitzgerald and the Milk"? Which goes best with "A Meal for a Stranger"?

3. Collect some more proverbs. Ask each person who gives you a proverb, when he or she uses the proverb and why.