Crafts

Craft: Jonah and the Big Fish Diorama

Materials List:
- Shoebox or any small cardboard box
- Blue construction paper or tissue paper
- Green construction paper
- Markers or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Glue
- Small figurine or paper cutout of Jonah
- String or yarn
- Tape
- Optional: small seashells or stickers (fish, ocean themes)

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Shoebox:
- Remove the lid from the shoebox. This will serve as the main structure for the diorama.
- Cover the inside of the shoebox with blue construction paper or tissue paper to represent the ocean. Use glue to secure it in place.

2. Create the Ocean Floor:
- Cut green construction paper into wavy strips to resemble seaweed or ocean plants. Glue these to the bottom of the shoebox.

3. Make the Fish:
- Draw a large fish on a piece of construction paper. The fish should be big enough to appear as if it could "swallow" Jonah.
- Color and decorate the fish, then cut it out.
- Attach the fish to the back of the shoebox, giving the appearance that it's swimming in the ocean.

4. Add Jonah:
- Use the small figurine or paper cutout to represent Jonah. If using a cutout, draw and color a small figure of Jonah, then cut it out.
- Suspend Jonah in the middle of the shoebox using a piece of string or yarn. Tape one end of the string to the top inside of the shoebox and attach Jonah to the other end. This gives the effect that Jonah is inside the belly of the fish or floating.

5. Add Details:
- Decorate the diorama further with optional items like small seashells or ocean-themed stickers for additional texture and interest.

Reinforcing the Lesson:

This craft reinforces the story of Jonah and the Big Fish by providing a visual and tactile representation of Jonah's journey. As students construct the diorama, they can discuss key elements of the story, such as Jonah’s initial disobedience, his time in the belly of the fish, and his eventual repentance and obedience to God's command. This hands-on activity helps solidify the

narrative in their minds and underscores themes of redemption, forgiveness, and obedience in a creative and engaging way.