

Crafts

Craft Activity: "Exploring the Land with Spy Binoculars"

Materials Needed:

- Empty toilet paper rolls (2 per student)
- Brown or black construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape
- String or yarn (about 18 inches per student)
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers, small stickers of grapes or fruits
- Clear plastic wrap or cellophane (optional, for lens effect)
- Hole puncher

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prepare the Rolls:

- Each student needs two empty toilet paper rolls. Have them wrap each roll with construction paper and secure it with glue or tape. This will form the body of the binoculars.

2. Design and Decorate:

- Allow students to decorate their binoculars using markers, crayons, and stickers. Encourage them to draw pictures related to the story of Numbers 13, like grapes or a big land.

3. Assemble the Binoculars:

- Align the two rolls side by side. Use a long piece of construction paper or more tape to bind the two rolls together securely.
- Optional: For a realistic lens effect, cover one end of each roll with plastic wrap or colored cellophane, securing it with tape.

4. Add the Neck Strap:

- Use a hole puncher to create a hole on the outer side of each tube.
- Thread the string or yarn through the holes, tying a knot at each end to keep the string secure. This will be the strap for the binoculars.

Reinforcing the Lesson:

- While students create their binoculars, discuss the story of Numbers 13 where the spies explored the Promised Land. Emphasize how the spies used their eyes to observe and report what they saw.
- After the craft, incorporate an activity where students can "spy" different objects or words around the classroom that relate to the story.
- This hands-on activity encourages engagement and helps students visualize the concept of observation and reporting, just like the spies sent by Moses. It reinforces the lesson through creative play and discussion, making the biblical narrative more relatable and memorable.