

Crafts

Craft Activity: "Numbers 26: Family Tree of the Tribes"

Objective:

Create a family tree to represent the census of the tribes of Israel as recorded in Numbers 26, helping students understand lineage and the organization of the tribes.

Materials Needed:

- Large construction paper or poster board
- Colored markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Ruler
- Printable tribe labels or blank labels
- Decorative stickers or small leaf cutouts
- Printout of Numbers 26 summary for easy reference

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prepare the Base:

- Distribute one large sheet of construction paper to each student. This will serve as the base for the family tree.

2. Draw the Tree:

- Use a ruler to help students draw the trunk and branches of a tree on the construction paper. They can use brown and green markers or crayons to color and detail the tree. Encourage creativity with the tree design — it can be as simple or complex as they like.

3. Cut and Paste Leaves:

- Have students cut out small leaf shapes using green paper or use pre-cut leaf stickers.
- Ask them to glue these leaves onto the branches of the tree to represent the tribes of Israel.

4. Label the Tribes:

- Provide students with pre-printed labels or ask them to write the names of the tribes on blank labels (Reuben, Simeon, Judah, etc.), as noted in Numbers 26.
- Instruct them to stick the labels on or near the corresponding leaves on the tree.

5. Add Family Connections:

- Using the printed summary of Numbers 26, guide students to draw lines or use string glued to the poster to represent the connections between tribes and their lineage.
- For a more hands-on approach, they can also draw small circles or cut out shapes to represent individuals mentioned in the lineage and connect them appropriately.

6. Decorate and Finalize:

- Let students add decorative touches such as additional stickers or drawings to personalize their family trees.
- Encourage them to add a title to their work, such as "Family Tree of the Tribes of Israel."

Reinforcement of the Lesson:

- This craft reinforces the lesson by providing a visual and interactive way to understand the census

and lineage of the tribes of Israel as recorded in Numbers 26. By physically constructing the family tree, students engage with the material, helping them remember the names and relationships among the tribes.

- The activity encourages students to explore biblical history and the importance of lineage in ancient Israelite culture.

- The hands-on nature of crafting helps kinesthetic learners grasp abstract concepts through tangible means, making the lesson more memorable and engaging.