

Crafts

Craft: "Promised Land Paper Mural"

Materials List:

- Large roll of butcher paper or poster board
- Colored markers and crayons
- Construction paper in various colors
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Magazines (for pictures)
- Printouts of key symbols (e.g., wheat, fruit, water)
- Bible verses printed out (focus on Deuteronomy 8:7-10)
- Tape or a stapler

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Preparation:

- Pre-cut construction paper into shapes resembling land features like hills, rivers, and fields.
- Clip pictures from magazines that represent agriculture and abundance, such as crops and fruits.
- Print and cut out key symbols from Deuteronomy 8 (like grain, grapes, olives, etc.)

2. Introduction:

- Briefly explain Deuteronomy 8, focusing on God's promise of a land of abundance and how the Israelites needed to remember and thank God for everything they received.
- Discuss the significance of the blessings, symbols, and how the Israelites would live in the Promised Land.

3. Craft Assembly:

- Roll out the butcher paper on a classroom table or tape it on a wall/blackboard at a reachable height for children.

4. Creating the Mural:

- Have the children work together to draw a landscape on the mural paper using markers and crayons. Encourage drawing hills, rivers, and fields for the Promised Land.
- Let the students use glue sticks to attach the pre-cut shapes and magazine pictures to create a vibrant scene reflecting abundance and blessings.
- Add the pre-printed symbols and images to emphasize key elements from Deuteronomy.

5. Adding Bible Verses:

- Distribute printed Bible verses or phrases from Deuteronomy 8:7-10 among the students.
- Have them decorate the verses and stick them onto the mural in various locations.

6. Final Touches:

- Allow students to add personal touches with drawings or additional elements they think represent blessings.
- Discuss any other items they might want to include as blessings in their lives.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:

- As students build the mural, discuss how the symbols and images relate to Deuteronomy 8 and

the blessings God promised.

- Emphasize the concept of gratitude and remembrance, encouraging students to consider their personal blessings.
- The collaborative effort in creating the mural helps reinforce the idea of community and shared heritage, as exemplified by the Israelites.
- By connecting physical symbols with spiritual meanings, students better understand how the Israelites valued God's promises and how these values can be applied today.