

Crafts

Craft Project: "Promise Land Diorama"

Materials List:

- Shoe box or small cardboard box
- Construction paper (green, blue, brown)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks or glue
- Markers or crayons
- Small toy figures or homemade paper people cutouts
- Cotton balls
- Small pebbles or craft rocks
- Tape
- Optional: Toy trees or make trees using pipe cleaners
- Printed verse strips from Deuteronomy 11 for decoration

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prepare the Shoebox:

- Remove the lid of the shoebox. This will be the base of the diorama.
- Cut and cover the walls of the inside of the shoebox with blue construction paper for the sky. Use glue to adhere the paper.

2. Create the Land:

- Cut a piece of green construction paper to fit the base of the shoebox. This will represent the promised land.
- Use brown construction paper to cut out various land features, such as hills or patches of soil. Glue these onto the green base.
- Optional: Add small pebbles to represent rocks in the landscape.

3. Make the Clouds and Rain:

- Stretch and glue down cotton balls onto the blue sky to create clouds.
- Use a marker to draw raindrops directly under the clouds to represent rain.

4. Add People and Trees:

- Use small toy figures or create paper people cutouts and place them on the land to represent the Israelites.
- If using paper, you can tape a small tab at the bottom of the figures to make them stand.
- Add toy trees or construct simple trees using pipe cleaners. Place them around the land to suggest fertility and growth.

5. Decorate with Scripture:

- Print or write out key verses from Deuteronomy 11, such as: "The land that you are crossing the Jordan to take possession of is a land of mountains and valleys that drinks rain from heaven."
- Cut these into strips and glue or tape them around the edges of the diorama or on the back wall.

6. Final Assembly:

- Ensure all pieces are secured with glue or tape.
- Allow students to personalize their dioramas with additional details like sun or birds made from

construction paper.

Reinforcement of Lesson:

This craft activity reinforces the lesson from Deuteronomy 11 by providing a visual and hands-on representation of the "Promised Land" and God's faithfulness. As students create the diorama, they are encouraged to reflect on the physical and spiritual gifts of the land that "drinks rain from heaven." The clouds and rain highlight God's provision, while the figures and landscape features encourage discussion on obedience to God's commands and the consequences that follow. Through this engaging project, students can more deeply understand the spiritual truths woven into Deuteronomy 11 and apply lessons of faithfulness and gratitude in their lives.