

# Crafts

## Craft: Building a "God's Altar" Model

### Materials List:

- Shoebox (or a small cardboard box)
- Construction paper (various colors)
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Wooden craft sticks
- Stones (small, smooth stones or pebbles)
- Tissue paper (red, orange, yellow)
- Stickers or decorative items (optional)

### Step-by-Step Instructions:

#### 1. Preparing the Box Base:

- Begin with a shoebox or small cardboard box. This will be the base for your altar.
- Remove the box lid if there is one, and place the box upside down.

#### 2. Altar Decoration:

- Cover the outside of the box with construction paper. Cut and glue pieces of construction paper to fit around the sides and top.
- Use markers or crayons to decorate the paper with symbols significant to worship, such as crosses, hearts, or words like "Worship" and "Rejoice."

#### 3. Creating the Altar Surface:

- On the top side of the box (now the altar's surface), glue the small stones in a circle to emulate the look of an altar constructed of stones.
- Cut small strips of red, orange, and yellow tissue paper to represent flames. Glue these tissue strips among the stones to symbolize the fire used in sacrifices and offerings.

#### 4. Craft Stick People:

- Use wooden craft sticks to create people figures. Draw faces and clothes on the sticks using markers or crayons.
- Explain that these represent the Israelites gathering to worship God at the altar. As a group, discuss why it was important to only worship at the place God appointed.

#### 5. Stickers/Decorative Enhancements:

- Add stickers or decorative items around the altar to personalize it further. Encourage kids to think of these as offerings of thanksgiving and symbols of joy when gathered in worship.

### Reinforcement of the Lesson:

This hands-on activity ties into Deuteronomy 12, where God instructs the Israelites to destroy false places of worship and to only worship in the location He chooses. By constructing a simple model altar, students can visualize the centralized place of worship that God commanded, which reinforces the importance of worshiping God in the right way and place. Discussing the concept of a designated holy place relates to understanding the significance of sacred spaces in their own

lives. This craft provides a tangible connection to biblical history while engaging students in a creative process.