

# Crafts

## Craft Activity: "Blessing Medals"

This craft helps elementary students understand the blessings Moses gave to the tribes of Israel in Deuteronomy 33. Students will create medals representing a blessing to remind them of God's promises.

### Materials List:

- Cardstock paper in various colors
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Hole punch
- String or yarn
- Gold or silver metallic paint or foil
- Glue
- Stickers or gems (optional)

### Instructions:

#### 1. Introduction:

Begin by discussing how Moses blessed the tribes of Israel, emphasizing the concept of blessings and how they were personalized for each tribe. Each student will create their own "Blessing Medal" as a reminder of God's promises.

#### 2. Create the Medal Base:

- Cut circles out of the cardstock to make the base of the medals. Each student should have at least one circle (around 4 inches in diameter).

#### 3. Decorate the Medal:

- Allow the students to color or paint their medal with metallic paint or cover it with foil to represent the value of the blessings. If using paint, let it dry before proceeding to the next step.

#### 4. Add a Personal Blessing:

- Have students think of a special blessing or area of life they are thankful for or hope for. This could be related to friendship, kindness, strength, courage, etc.
- Students can write a short phrase or word that represents this blessing on their medal with markers. Encourage creativity in the design, such as using stickers or adding decorative gems.

#### 5. Assemble the Medal:

- Once decorated, use a hole punch to make a hole at the top of the medal.
- Thread a piece of yarn or string through the hole to make it wearable as a necklace.

#### 6. Discussion and Sharing:

- After completing the medals, gather the students in a circle. Each student can share their chosen blessing and why it is meaningful to them. Highlight the diversity of blessings and relate it back to the different blessings for each tribe in Deuteronomy 33.

### How the Activity Reinforces the Lesson:

- This craft activity highlights individualized blessings similar to the specific blessings Moses gave

each tribe.

- It allows students to think about personal blessings in their own lives and express gratitude or hope, connecting biblical teachings to personal experiences.

- By sharing and discussing their medals, students learn about community and the importance of valuing and recognizing different blessings in each other's lives, mirroring the diverse blessings to the tribes of Israel.