Crafts

Craft: "Be Strong and Courageous" Shield

Objective:
Create a decorative shield that serves as a reminder of Joshua 1:9, highlighting themes of strength and courage.

Materials Needed:
- Large sheets of sturdy cardboard or poster board
- Scissors
- Aluminum foil
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Glue sticks
- Craft sticks or wooden dowels
- Decorative items (stickers, sequins, ribbons)
- Printout of Joshua 1:9 (for reference)

Instructions:

1. Draw the Shield Shape:
- Begin by helping students design a basic shield shape on cardboard. Use an oval, rectangle with rounded edges, or another simple shape.

2. Cut Out the Shield:
- Carefully cut out the shield shape from the cardboard using scissors.

3. Cover with Foil:
- Wrap the front of the shield with aluminum foil, securing edges at the back using glue sticks. This gives the shield a metallic look.

4. Decorate the Shield:
- Use crayons, markers, or colored pencils to draw designs onto the foil. Students can draw symbols representing strength and courage, like a lion or a cross.
- Add decorative items like stickers, sequins, or ribbons to personalize the shield.

5. Add the Verse:
- Write out Joshua 1:9 (“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”) on the shield using markers. Alternatively, write it on a separate piece of paper and glue it onto the shield.

6. Attach the Handle:
- Affix craft sticks or wooden dowels to the back of the shield to create a handle, ensuring it’s secure and positioned so the shield can be held easily.

Lesson Reinforcement:
This craft reinforces the lesson by serving as a visual and physical reminder of God’s command to Joshua. As students decorate their shields, they reflect on the idea of strength and courage just as Joshua was encouraged to be strong and courageous in leading the Israelites. Displaying or using the shield reminds students daily that God is with them, encouraging bravery in their own lives just

as He did with Joshua.