Crafts

Craft: "Joshua's Journey Map"

Objective: This craft helps children understand the journey and victories of Joshua in the Promised Land by creating a visual map of key locations mentioned in Joshua 12.

Materials Needed:
- Large sheet of construction paper (12x18 inches)
- Small pieces of colored construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Stickers or stamps (optional)
- Printed images or drawings of cities and key symbols (e.g., crowns, swords)
- Map template or outline of the Promised Land (optional)

Instructions:
1. Preparation:
- Prepare a simple outline map of the Promised Land showing key locations from Joshua 12. You can either draw this by hand or print it from an online resource.

2. Create the Map Base:
- Give each student a large construction paper to serve as their map base. If using a printed map outline, glue it onto the construction paper.

3. Identify Key Locations:
- Discuss the key locations mentioned in Joshua 12, such as the various kings and their cities that Joshua conquered. Use the printed images or draw simple icons to represent these places.

4. Color and Label:
- Have students color their maps and label each city or location with the name and a representative icon (e.g., Jericho with a wall or Ai with a crown).

5. Decorate with Symbols:
- Use small construction paper pieces to create flags or banners to represent victories. Glue these onto the corresponding locations on the map.
- Attach stickers or stamps around the map borders to symbolize peace and God's guidance, reflecting how Joshua followed God's instructions.

6. Add a Title:
- Help students create a title for their maps, such as "Joshua's Journey to Victory" and glue it at the top.

7. Share and Discuss:
- Once completed, allow students to share their maps with the class. Discuss how Joshua's faith and leadership were instrumental in overcoming the challenges he faced.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:
This craft visually reinforces the biblical story of Joshua's conquests by allowing students to interact

with the physical geography of the text. As they place the icons and discuss the significance of each location, they create a mental map of the story. This activity also stimulates discussions about leadership, faith, and obedience, showing the importance of trusting in God’s plan. The hands-on nature of the craft helps cater to different learning styles, making the lesson memorable and engaging.