Crafts

Craft Activity for Joshua 17: "Land Allotment Map"

Objective: Create a visual map representing the land allotments for the half-tribe of Manasseh, as described in Joshua 17, to help students understand the division and importance of inheritance.

Materials List:
- Large sheet of construction paper or poster board
- Colored construction paper or cardstock
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or colored pencils
- Ruler
- Labels or small sticky notes
- Copies of a map of the tribal territories of Israel (optional for reference)

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Introduction:
- Begin by discussing Joshua 17 with the students, focusing on the inheritance of the land to the half-tribe of Manasseh. Explain the significance of land allotment in biblical times.

2. Prepare the Base:
- Give each student a large sheet of construction paper or poster board. This will serve as the base for their map.

3. Draw the Outline:
- Using a ruler, students will outline the general shape of the land of Israel on their paper. This can be simplified for younger students. If using, refer to copies of a map of Israel’s tribes for guidance.

4. Create the Land Allotments:
- With colored construction paper, students will cut out various shapes to represent different regions of land. Each shape can represent a different section or city within Manasseh's inheritance.

5. Label the Regions:
- Use markers or colored pencils to label each section with names of specific towns or geographical features mentioned in the chapter (e.g., Beth Shan, Megiddo). Sticky notes or small labels can also be used for more clarity.

6. Add Creative Elements:
- Encourage students to draw or cut shapes for geographical features such as rivers, mountains, or valleys, using different colors to distinguish these elements.

7. Glue the Elements:
- Once all pieces are prepared and labeled, glue them onto the base paper in their appropriate places to complete the map.

8. Presentation and Discussion:
- Allow each student to present their map to the class. Discuss why the land allotment was crucial

for the tribes of Israel and its significance in helping fulfill God's promise to the Israelites.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:

This craft reinforces the lesson from Joshua 17 by making abstract concepts of land division tangible and easier to understand. It emphasizes the importance of inheritance and fulfillment of promises. The activity encourages students to pay attention to biblical geography and gain insights into the history of the Israelite tribes. Through creative engagement, students connect with the material on a deeper level, aiding both memory retention and comprehension.