Crafts

Craft Idea: Gideon's Torch Craft

Objective: This craft will help students understand the story of Gideon's victory over the Midianites, emphasizing the themes of trust and God's guidance.

Materials:
- Empty paper towel rolls (one per student)
- Construction paper (black, yellow, orange, red)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Battery-operated tealight candles (optional)
- String or ribbon (optional)

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prepare the Torch Handle:
- Each student takes an empty paper towel roll and wraps it in black construction paper to create the handle of the torch.
- Secure the paper using glue sticks, ensuring it's firmly attached and covers the entire roll.

2. Create the "Flame":
- Using yellow, orange, and red construction paper, students cut out flame shapes of varying sizes. Younger students may appreciate pre-drawn flame templates.
- Layer the flames with the largest in the back and the smallest in the front to create a convincing flame look.

3. Assemble the Torch:
- Attach the bottom of the flames to the inside top edge of the paper towel roll, using glue. Ensure the flames are securely attached and protruding from the top of the tube.

4. Decorate the Torch Handle:
- Students can use markers or crayons to draw designs on the handle, like symbols representing bravery or trust.
- Optional: Wrap a piece of string or ribbon around the handle and tie it to mimic a grip.

5. Add Light (Optional):
- For an added interactive element, place a battery-operated tealight candle inside the tube, ensuring it doesn't obstruct the flames. This safely mimics a glowing torch.

Reinforce the Lesson:

- Discussion: While crafting, discuss Gideon's story, focusing on his initial doubt and eventual faith in God's plan. Explain how the torch in Gideon's story was used as a signal of victory and a symbol of light overcoming darkness.
- Activity Ties to the Lesson: The creation of torches helps reinforce that with God’s guidance, even the seemingly impossible—like Gideon's victory—can be achieved. As students hold their torches, encourage them to think about how they can bring light (positive actions, faith, kindness) into their

own lives just as Gideon did.