

# Crafts

## Craft: Jephthah's River Crossing Diorama

### Materials List:

- Shoe box or small cardboard box
- Blue construction paper or tissue paper
- Brown construction paper
- Green construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Markers or crayons
- Small toy figures or cut-out paper figures
- Popsicle sticks
- White paper
- Pen/pencil

### Step-by-Step Instructions:

#### 1. Prepare the Box

- Cut out one of the long sides of the shoe box to create an open view diorama scene.
- Cover the inside bottom of the box with brown construction paper to represent land.

#### 2. Create the River

- Cut a strip of blue construction paper or tissue paper and glue it in the middle of the box to represent the Jordan River.

#### 3. Make Grass and Trees

- Cut small strips or shapes out of green construction paper for grass and trees. Glue them on both sides of the river to create the landscape.

#### 4. Add the Bridges

- Use popsicle sticks to create small bridges over the river. Glue them securely on both sides.

#### 5. Create Figures

- Use small toy figures or cut out paper figures to represent Jephthah, the Gileadites, and the Ephraimites. You can draw characters on white paper, cut them out, and color if using paper figures.

#### 6. Add Speech Bubbles

- Cut small rectangles or speech bubble shapes out of white paper.
- Write "Shibboleth" in one and "Sibboleth" in another.
- Attach each bubble to different figures to represent the key part of the story where the pronunciation divided the Ephraimites from the Gileadites.

#### 7. Assemble the Scene

- Arrange the figures on either side of the river bridge.
- Place the speech bubbles next to the characters accordingly.

#### 8. Decorate

- Add details such as clouds, sun, or more trees to make the scene look lively.

#### Reinforcement of the Lesson:

This craft helps students visualize the story of Judges 12, focusing on the conflict between the Gileadites and the Ephraimites and the importance of the word "Shibboleth." By creating the diorama, students engage with the narrative elements: the river, the confrontation, and the unique test of pronunciation. The hands-on activity encourages them to remember the lesson about communication, identity, and consequences of conflict.