Crafts

Craft Activity: Samson's Hair Power Bracelets

Objective:
Create "Samson's Hair Power Bracelets" to reinforce the story of Samson, highlighting the importance of strength and character.

Materials Needed:
- Colored yarn or string (representing hair)
- Scissors
- Beads (optional, to add decoration)
- Tape
- Paper tags
- Markers or pens

Instructions:

1. Preparation:
- Cut strands of yarn or string into lengths of about 18 inches each. Provide multiple colors to signify different aspects of strength and character.

2. Starting the Bracelet:
- Give each student 3-5 strands of yarn.
- Let them choose their favorite colors for a personal touch.

3. Securing the Yarn:
- Tape one end of the yarn strands to the table so they can braid easily.

4. Braiding:
- Show students how to braid the strands together by alternating the outer strands over the center strand.
- Encourage them to think about how Samson's strength was tied to his vow and his uncut hair.

5. Adding Beads (Optional):
- As students braid, allow them to string beads onto the yarn for extra decoration. This can represent additional strengths or qualities.

6. Finishing:
- Once the braid reaches the desired length (fits around the wrist with a little extra for tying), secure the end with a knot.
- Help students tie the bracelet around their wrist or make it adjustable by leaving some yarn unbraided.

7. Personalizing Tags:
- Provide paper tags for students to write what they learned about strength and character from Samson. Prompt examples: "Trust in God," "Strength from within."
- Have students tie the tags onto their bracelets using a separate piece of string.

How the Activity Reinforces the Lesson:

This craft allows students to engage with the story of Samson in a tangible way. Creating the bracelet helps them remember that, like Samson's hair, our strength can be connected to our promises and our relationship with God. The act of braiding represents the intertwining of faith, strength, and character, teaching children about the unseen qualities that make us truly strong. Additionally, personal tags invite reflection and solidify the lesson by connecting it to their own life and values.