

Crafts

Hands-On Craft: The Tribe Banner Craft

Objective:

To help students learn about unity and teamwork in the face of challenges, inspired by the story of the Israelite tribes who came together in Judges 20.

Materials:

- Large craft paper or poster board
- Colored markers or crayons
- Glue sticks
- Scissors (safety scissors for children)
- Assorted colored construction paper
- String or yarn
- Hole punch
- Stickers or decorative items (optional)

Instructions:

1. Preparation:

- Start by discussing the story in Judges 20, focusing on how the tribes of Israel came together to address a serious situation and the power of unity.
- Explain the purpose of the activity: creating a "Tribe Banner" that represents working together.

2. Create the Banner Base:

- Cut out a large rectangle from the craft paper or poster board. This will be the base of the banner.
- Punch two holes at the top of the banner and thread a piece of string or yarn through the holes to hang the banner.

3. Design Tribal Symbols:

- Divide the class into smaller groups, assigning each group a different type of symbol they can create using construction paper (shapes, animals, icons, etc.).
- Ask each group to think of a symbol that represents teamwork or unity.

4. Decorate the Banner:

- Have the groups cut out their symbols, decorate them with markers or crayons, and then glue them onto the banner.
- Encourage students to collaborate and discuss placement to ensure everyone's work is included, reinforcing the idea of unity.

5. Add a Title:

- Together, come up with a banner title such as "United We Stand" or "Together as One."
- Have one or two students write the title at the top of the banner using bold letters.

6. Final Touches:

- Allow students to add any stickers or additional decoration they like as a finishing touch.

Reinforcing the Lesson:

This craft project emphasizes the importance of coming together, just like the tribes of Israel did. By

designing and creating the banner together, students actively participate in a collaborative effort, mirroring the unity and cooperation that were crucial in overcoming challenges in the story of Judges 20. The activity reinforces that each person's contribution is valuable to achieving a common goal, fostering a sense of teamwork and community.