Crafts

Craft Activity: The Ark of the Covenant Story Box

Materials List:
- Small shoebox or similar-sized box
- Construction paper (gold, brown, and various colors)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Craft sticks (popsicle sticks)
- Aluminum foil
- Stickers or decorative jewels
- Printout of small Ark of the Covenant image and a representation of Dagon the statue

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Shoebox:
- Cover the shoebox with gold construction paper to represent the Ark of the Covenant. This will serve as the base of your story box.

2. Create Dagon's Temple:
- Use brown construction paper to create a backdrop inside the shoebox; this will represent Dagon's temple.
- Cut and glue a folded flap on the bottom to make your backdrop stand up inside the box.

3. Make the Ark of the Covenant:
- Cut a small rectangular piece of cardboard from the box lid.
- Wrap the piece in aluminum foil to mimic the look of the Ark.
- Attach stickers or decorative jewels for additional embellishments.

4. Make Dagon's Statue:
- Use craft sticks to build a small figure. Wrap parts of it with aluminum foil to give it a statue-like appearance.
- Alternatively, print out and color a small picture of Dagon and attach it to a cardboard backing.

5. Assemble the Story Box:
- Place the foil-covered piece labeled as the Ark inside the box along one side.
- Stand the Dagon statue on the opposite side of the Ark inside the box.
- Decorate the inside of the box with markers or colorful construction paper to mimic temple features.

6. Illustrate the Story:
- Let the children use crayons or markers to illustrate scenes from 1 Samuel 5 on construction paper (e.g., the Ark causing Dagon to fall, the sores on people).
- Cut out these scenes and place them around the Ark and Dagon to narrate the story visually.

Reinforcing the Lesson:
This craft activity reinforces the lesson of God's power over false idols, as illustrated in 1 Samuel 5. By recreating the temple scene where the Ark caused Dagon to fall, students engaging in this

hands-on activity can better understand the concept of God’s superiority. The process of constructing the scene helps solidify the narrative, making abstract lessons about faith and divine authority more tangible and memorable for young learners.