Crafts

Craft: "Samuel's Weather Warning: Thunder and Rain Clouds"

Materials List:
- Blue construction paper
- White cotton balls
- Silver glitter
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Large ovals of yellow construction paper (pre-cut)
- Printout of 1 Samuel 12:16 (one for each student)

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Introduction:
Begin by briefly explaining the context of 1 Samuel 12, highlighting how Samuel warned the Israelites about their disobedience and how God demonstrated His power through a thunderstorm.

2. Creating the Sky Background:
- Give each child a piece of blue construction paper. This will serve as the backdrop for the thunderstorm scene.

3. Making Thunderclouds:
- Have students glue cotton balls onto the top half of the paper, forming thick clouds. They can stretch the cotton slightly to give a fluffy appearance.

4. Adding Lightning:
- Provide each student with a pre-cut yellow construction paper oval (or they can cut their own if they're able).
- Instruct them to cut the oval into zigzag shapes to resemble lightning bolts and glue them among the clouds.

5. Creating Rain:
- Use silver glitter to represent rain. Help the children draw lines with glue below the clouds and sprinkle a little glitter to stick to the glue lines.

6. Verse Reminder:
- Give each student a printout of 1 Samuel 12:16 and have them paste it under the clouds on their paper. Assist them if they need help reading it or understanding its meaning.

7. Decorate and Personalize:
- With markers or crayons, students can add more details like grass at the bottom or additional lightning bolts and personalize their artwork by writing their names using bright and bold colors.

Reinforcing the Lesson:
This craft reinforces the lesson by visually representing God’s response to Samuel’s prayers — the storm as a miracle to show God's power. As children create the weather scene, discuss how this event was a reminder of the importance of listening to God and obeying His commands.

Emphasize how the slick, bright visuals (like lightning and rain) symbolize God’s mighty presence and his answers to our prayers, much like He answered Samuel's.