Crafts

Craft: "Listening to God"

Objective:
This craft will help children understand the importance of listening and obeying God's word, as illustrated in 1 Samuel 15, where Saul disobeys God.

Materials Needed:
- Paper plates (one per student)
- Scissors
- Crayons or markers
- Yarn or string
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Construction paper (various colors)
- Stickers (optional)

Instructions:

1. Create Ears:
- Give each student a paper plate and have them fold it in half.
- Instruct them to draw two ear shapes on the construction paper and cut them out.
- Glue the ears onto either side of the folded paper plate to resemble a head with ears.

2. Decorate:
- Let students use crayons or markers to decorate their paper plate head. They can draw a face, decorate the ears, and add stickers if available.

3. Attach Listening Strings:
- Use a hole punch to make a hole at the top of the paper plate.
- Cut a piece of yarn or string about 20 inches long and thread it through the hole. Tie a knot so it can hang like a necklace.

4. Listening Reminder:
- Provide students with a strip of construction paper. Have them write "Listen to God" on the strip.
- Glue or tape this strip to the top of the paper plate head.

5. Final Assembly:
- Encourage students to wear or hang their listening craft as a reminder of the lesson.

Reinforcement of Lesson:

- Discussion: Gather the children together and discuss the importance of listening, relating back to the story in 1 Samuel 15. Explain how Saul didn’t listen to God and suffered the consequences.

- Application: Explain that the ears on their craft represent listening to God and to those who guide them. The reminder "Listen to God" helps them to remember to follow God's instructions just like we should listen in school and at home.

- Interactive: Ask students to share scenarios in which they might need to remember to listen and obey, encouraging personal connections to the lesson.

This craft is a tangible way for children to remember the lesson of obedience and the importance of listening to God's word.