

Crafts

Craft: David's Escape Hat

Materials List:

- White paper plates (one per student)
- Crayons or markers
- Scissors (safety scissors for children)
- Glue sticks or tape
- String or yarn (to fit around a child's head)
- Optional: Glitter, stickers for additional decoration

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Discussion and Introduction:

Start the craft by briefly discussing the story from 1 Samuel 21. Explain how David pretended to be insane to escape from King Achish. Highlight themes of trust and cleverness.

2. Hat Creation:

- Give each student a paper plate. The plate will become a hat representing David's clever escape disguise.
- Instruct the children to draw symbols or images on their plates that remind them of the story (like sheep for David as a shepherd, harp for his music, or a crown to represent King Saul).
- Let the children color the images using crayons or markers.

3. Design and Cutting:

- Demonstrate how to cut a slit from the edge to the center of the plate along one radius.
- Show how to overlap the cut edges to create a cone shape, securing it with glue or tape. This will form the hat.

4. Decorating the Hat:

- Offer materials like stickers or glitter to further decorate the hat.
- Encourage kids to write a word or phrase related to the story, like "Trust" or "God protects," to reinforce the lesson.

5. Adding a Chin Strap:

- Help students cut a piece of string or yarn long enough to serve as a chin strap.
- Punch or carefully cut small holes on each side of the hat base.
- Thread the yarn through the holes and tie knots to secure it.

6. Wrap Up:

- Allow the children to wear their crafted hats and have a brief sharing session where they can talk about their design choices.
- Reinforce how David used cleverness and trust in God to navigate difficult situations, paralleling their ability to create personal symbols on their hats.

Lesson Reinforcement:

This craft helps reinforce the story of David's escape in 1 Samuel 21 by allowing students to creatively engage with the narrative. Designing and wearing the hat symbolizes David's disguise

and escape, reminding students of the importance of trust in God and using their wits wisely. Crafting personal symbols encourages them to internalize the story's themes personally.