

Crafts

Craft Activity: "David's Cave Hideout Diorama"

Materials List:

- Shoe boxes or small cardboard boxes (one per student)
- Brown construction paper
- Green construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Small toy figures or clay to represent David and his men
- Cotton balls (for clouds)
- Small twigs or leaves (optional, for added realism)
- Printer paper

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Box:

- Take a shoe box or small cardboard box and lay it on its side to create an open-front cave diorama.
- Optionally, cut the sides of the open section at an angle to resemble a cave opening.

2. Create the Cave Walls:

- Tear or cut pieces of brown construction paper to mimic the rocky walls of the cave.
- Glue these onto the interior back and sides of the box.

3. Design the Cave Entrance:

- Use scissors to cut a piece of green construction paper into a shape that resembles grass or shrubs.
- Attach this to the bottom front edge of the box to represent the area outside the cave.

4. Add David and His Men:

- Use small toy figures or mold figures out of clay to represent David and his followers.
- Place these figures inside the cave, against the back wall.

5. Create the Sky:

- Cut a strip of light blue construction paper for the top inside of the box to represent the sky outside.
- Optional: Glue cotton balls onto the blue paper for clouds.

6. Decorate with Natural Elements:

- Add small twigs, leaves, or additional cut-out paper elements to make the environment more realistic, placing them around the cave entrance or inside.

7. Personal Reflection:

- On a piece of printer paper, have each student write a short sentence or two about how David trusted God even in difficult times.
- Place the paper inside the cave diorama as a reminder of the lesson learned.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:

This craft helps students connect with the biblical story by physically creating the scene of David hiding in the cave. As they create the environment and figures, students can discuss how David might have felt needing to trust God and lead others during a difficult time. The activity visually and tangibly reinforces the theme of trust and reliance on God, mirroring David's experience and encouraging students to think about their own challenges where they can rely on faith.