

Crafts

Activity: David in the Wilderness Diorama

Materials List:

- Shoe boxes (one per student)
- Colored construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Small twigs and stones (for decoration)
- Markers or crayons
- Printable character templates of David, Saul, and any guards
- Green tissue paper or fabric scraps (for grass)
- Cotton balls (for clouds)
- String or yarn (for hanging a "God's Protection" banner)

Instructions:

Step 1: Prepare the Shoebox

- Begin by painting or covering the inside of the shoe box with blue construction paper on the top for the sky and green on the bottom for the ground.

Step 2: Create the Wilderness Scene

- Use strips of green tissue paper or fabric to lay on the bottom of the shoebox, representing grass.
- Glue twigs and small stones into the box to create a forest setting.
- Stretch cotton balls slightly and glue them to the top, inside part of the box to represent clouds.

Step 3: Add Characters

- Provide students with printable templates of David, Saul, and any guards. Have them color these with markers or crayons.
- Cut out the characters and fold a small tab at the bottom of each character's feet to glue them standing up in different places inside the diorama.

Step 4: Add a Banner

- Cut a small strip of paper and write "God's Protection" on it. Decorate if desired.
- Use string or yarn to drape the banner across the top of the shoebox, securing it with tape.

Step 5: Finishing Touches

- Allow students to add any additional elements they feel represent the wilderness setting, such as extra foliage or small animal figures.

Lesson Reinforcement:

This craft activity reinforces the lesson from 1 Samuel 23, where David is repeatedly protected by God while evading Saul in the wilderness. As students create their diorama, they'll visualize the environment where David was living and hiding. God's protection banner serves as a constant reminder of the key message from the passage: God is always watching over and protecting those who are faithful to Him, just as He watched over David. The hands-on aspect helps children internalize the story by connecting physical crafting with the narrative and its moral lesson.