

# Crafts

## Hands-on Craft: David's Cave Diorama

### Materials List:

- Shoebox or small cardboard box
- Construction paper (various colors)
- Scissors
- Glue or glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Craft sticks or popsicle sticks
- Small cloth or felt pieces
- Tape
- Optional: plasticine or clay

### Step-by-Step Instructions:

#### 1. Prepare the Shoebox:

- Open the shoebox to use it as a backdrop for the cave scene. Keep it on its side with the opening facing towards the student.

#### 2. Create the Cave Background:

- Line the inside of the shoebox with brown or gray construction paper to resemble the walls of a cave. Glue this paper into place.
- Use darker colors or black construction paper at the back for added depth.

#### 3. Make David and Saul Figures:

- Decorate two craft sticks to represent David and Saul. Draw faces and clothing using markers or crayons.
- Wrap a small piece of cloth or felt around the top of each stick to resemble cloaks.

#### 4. Create the Scene:

- Construct small rocks or stalactites using construction paper or clay to place inside the cave for added realism. Glue these in place.
- Use marker to draw additional cave details on the construction paper background for added texture and atmosphere.

#### 5. Assemble the Diorama:

- Place David behind a rock or further back if using clay elements to hide him slightly to reflect the scripture's narrative.
- Place Saul closer to the opening, in a relaxed pose, indicating that he is unaware of David's presence.

#### 6. Add Lesson Elements:

- Cut a small strip of cloth to signify the piece of Saul's cloak that David cut off. Tape this to David's figure or place in the diorama.
- Optionally, write a scripture verse or a brief moral lesson on a paper strip and glue it at the bottom or side of the diorama.

### Reinforcing the Lesson:

This craft helps children visualize and understand the story of how David showed restraint and

respect for King Saul, even when given the opportunity to harm him. By creating the scene, students can better reflect on themes of mercy, forgiveness, and respect for others. As they depict David sparing Saul's life, they learn the importance of doing what is right, as exemplified in 1 Samuel 24, regardless of circumstance. Making their own tangible representation of the story cements understanding and encourages empathy and thoughtful discussion.