

Crafts

Craft Title: "David's Lament: A Memorial Bracelet"

Objective:

Creating a memorial bracelet helps students connect with the concept of remembering and honoring loved ones, as seen in David's lamentation for Saul and Jonathan.

Materials List:

- Colorful beads (various shapes and sizes)
- Elastic cord (bracelet length)
- Scissors
- Permanent markers
- Small paper tags
- Hole punch

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Introduction (5 minutes):

- Briefly discuss 2 Samuel 1, emphasizing the emotion David felt as he lamented for Saul and Jonathan. Explain the importance of remembering and honoring loved ones.

2. Prepare the Cord (5 minutes):

- Cut a length of elastic cord for each student, long enough to wrap around their wrist with extra room for tying.

3. Select Beads (10 minutes):

- Allow students to choose beads. Encourage them to select colors or shapes that remind them of someone special they want to honor or remember, akin to David honoring Saul and Jonathan.

4. Design the Bracelet (15 minutes):

- Students string the beads onto the elastic cord, leaving some space at either end to tie.
- Encourage students to create patterns or sequences that are meaningful to them, reflecting their memories or feelings.

5. Create a Memory Tag (10 minutes):

- Give each student a small piece of paper and a marker.
- Ask them to write a word or draw a simple picture that represents the person they are remembering.
- Punch a hole in the tag and attach it to the bracelet by threading it onto the elastic cord.

6. Finish the Bracelet (5 minutes):

- Tie the two ends of the elastic cord together securely. Trim any excess.

7. Group Reflection (5 minutes):

- Have students sit in a circle wearing their bracelets.
- Allow them to share stories or reasons behind their design choices if they're comfortable, fostering an environment of sharing and empathy.

Activity Reinforcement:

The craft activity reinforces the lesson of remembrance and respect that David showed in lamenting Saul and Jonathan. By creating the bracelets, students explore their feelings about what it means to remember and honor the important people in their lives, just as David expressed his respect and sorrow through his lament. This personal connection encourages empathy and understanding of biblical narratives and their implications in real-life relationships.