

Crafts

Craft: "David's Dancing Tambourine"

Materials List:

- Paper plates (1 per student)
- Hole punch
- String or yarn
- Jingle bells
- Markers or crayons
- Decorative stickers or gems
- Colorful ribbons
- Scissors

Instructions:

1. Start with the Paper Plate:

- Give each student a paper plate. They can decorate the entire surface using markers or crayons. Encourage them to draw patterns, symbols, or scenes that remind them of joy and celebration, just like David felt when he danced before the Lord.

2. Attach the Jingle Bells:

- Using a hole punch, make holes around the edge of the paper plate. Space the holes about 1 to 2 inches apart.
- Cut pieces of string or yarn, each about 6 inches long.
- Thread a piece of string through each hole, and tie a jingle bell to each end, ensuring the bell is secured and can jingle freely.

3. Add Ribbons for Decoration:

- Cut strips of colorful ribbons into pieces about 8 to 10 inches long.
- Tie these ribbons in between where the jingle bells are attached to add extra flair and movement. This will mimic the idea of dancing ribbons and will make the tambourine look more vibrant.

4. Finalize Decoration:

- Provide students with decorative stickers or gems to further embellish their tambourine. They can stick these around the plate to make it as festive as David's celebration.

5. Reflect on the Lesson:

- Once the tambourines are completed, gather the students and ask them to shake their tambourines while talking about the story of David bringing the Ark to Jerusalem and dancing with joy before the Lord.
- Discuss the importance of celebrating God's presence and how we can show our joy and thankfulness to God in our own lives.

Reinforcing the Lesson:

This craft aligns with the lesson from 2 Samuel 6 by allowing students to understand and physically engage with the concept of joyful worship and celebration. As David danced and celebrated with music upon bringing the Ark of God to Jerusalem, the tambourine becomes a symbol of delight and reverence towards God. By creating and playing their own instrument, students can connect with the emotions of the story and learn to express their faith and gratitude through joyful noise and

creative activities.