

Crafts

Craft Activity: "David's House of Worship" Diorama

Objective:

This activity will help students understand the promise God made to David about establishing his kingdom and the concept of God dwelling with His people.

Materials List:

- Shoebox (one per student or group)
- Construction paper (variety of colors)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Craft sticks (popsicle sticks)
- Small figurines (optional: to represent David or people)
- Stickers or decorative materials (e.g., stars, gems)
- Printout images of the Ark of the Covenant (optional)
- Cotton balls

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prepare the Shoebox: Open the shoebox and set it on its side to create a backdrop for the diorama.
2. Create the Background:
 - Cover the inside back wall of the shoebox with a piece of construction paper to serve as the sky. Students can use markers or crayons to draw clouds, sun, or stars.
 - If available, use cotton balls to create fluffy clouds by gluing them onto the backdrop.
3. Build the "House":
 - Use craft sticks to construct a simple house structure inside the shoebox. This represents the house of worship.
 - Glue the craft sticks together to form a triangle or rectangular shape, and attach them inside the box.
4. Decorate the House:
 - Cut out and use construction paper to add details like doors and windows on the house structure.
 - Decorate with stickers or drawings that symbolize worship or God's presence.
5. Add Figures:
 - Place small figurines or draw and cut out paper figures to represent King David worshipping or talking with God.
 - Optionally, include a small printout or drawing of the Ark of the Covenant placed inside the shoebox.
6. Finish with Personal Touches:
 - Let students add any additional decorations to make it their own, emphasizing elements of love and worship for God.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:

This diorama illustrates God's promise to David and the concept of establishing a lasting kingdom where God is present among His people. By creating a tangible "house" of worship, students visualize the importance of God's presence and promises. It reinforces the lesson from 2 Samuel 7 about God's covenant with David, highlighting the theme of God being with His people through all generations. As students build and decorate, they actively reflect on the significance of worship and God's eternal promise.