

Crafts

Craft Activity: "Kindness Coins"

Materials List:

- Cardboard sheets
- Scissors
- Markers
- Gold and silver metallic paint or crayons
- Paintbrushes (if using paint)
- Decorative stickers (optional)
- Small envelopes or ziplock bags
- Hole punch
- String or yarn

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Preparation:

- Begin by reading or summarizing the story of 2 Samuel 9, focusing on the theme of kindness from David to Mephibosheth. Discuss how David showed undeserved kindness and generosity.

2. Creating the Coins:

- Give each student a piece of cardboard.
- Instruct them to cut out several small circles (about the size of a 50-cent or half-dollar coin) using scissors. Help younger students if needed.

3. Decorating the Coins:

- Allow the students to use metallic paints or crayons to color one side of each circle, transforming them into "coins."
- On the other side, have students write a word or draw a picture that symbolizes kindness, such as "love," "help," or a heart.

4. Assembly:

- Once the paint or crayon is dry, decorate with stickers if desired.
- Punch a hole in each coin and thread a piece of string or yarn through it, tying it to make a small loop.
- Place the finished coins into envelopes or ziplock bags.

5. Conclusion:

- Discuss as a class how these "Kindness Coins" can be used as reminders of how they can be kind and generous just like David.
- Encourage students to give these coins to family members or friends as acts of kindness.

Reinforcement of Lesson:

This craft helps students physically engage with the idea of kindness by making something they can give to others, mirroring the actions of David. It emphasizes the importance of showing kindness and generosity to everyone, even when it is unexpected or undeserved. The coins serve as tangible reminders of their ability to actively make a difference in someone else's day through small acts of kindness.