

Crafts

Craft Activity: Nathan's Story Box

Objective:

To help elementary students understand and remember the story of Nathan confronting King David, as told in 2 Samuel 12, by creating a story box that illustrates the major elements of the narrative.

Materials Needed:

- Shoe box or small cardboard box
- Construction paper (various colors)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Craft sticks
- Cotton balls
- Small animal toys (optional)
- Fabric scraps
- Stickers (optional)

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Box:

- Begin with an empty shoe box or cardboard box. Remove the lid if there is one.
- Using construction paper, cover the outside of the box to create a base for the scene. You can use blue and green paper to represent sky and grass.

2. Create Characters:

- Cut out simple figures from construction paper to represent the key characters: Nathan, David, and the lamb.
- Decorate these figures with markers or crayons. Use fabric scraps or stickers to add clothing details. Glue a cotton ball on the lamb to make it fluffy.
- Attach each character to a craft stick to allow them to stand within the box.

3. Design the Scene:

- Use additional construction paper to create a backdrop inside the box. This can include a throne for King David, trees, and other landscape features.
- Secure the backdrop inside the box using glue sticks.
- If using small animal toys to represent the lamb, place them inside the box as part of the scene.

4. Assemble the Story Box:

- Insert the characters into the box by sticking the craft sticks into the ground or using tape to secure them inside the box.
- Arrange them to represent the key scene where Nathan is talking to King David and illustrating his story.

Reinforcement of Lesson:

- Narrative Comprehension: By creating a visual representation of Nathan's story, students actively

engage with the narrative, making it easier to remember the sequence of events and understand the characters' roles.

- Moral Understanding: Discuss the significance of Nathan confronting David about his wrongdoings and how David's realization and repentance are pivotal. The craft provides a tactile and visual way to explore themes of accountability and forgiveness.

- Creative Expression: This craft encourages students to use their creativity to interpret a biblical story, allowing them to express what they've learned and ask questions about the lesson's moral and ethical implications.

- Interactive Storytelling: Once the story boxes are complete, students can retell the story using their crafts, reinforcing their understanding through storytelling and teaching their peers.