

Crafts

Craft: King David's Journey Diorama

Materials List:

- Shoe box or small cardboard box
- Construction paper (green, blue, brown)
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Markers or crayons
- Popsicle sticks
- Small stones or pebbles
- Twigs or small sticks
- Cotton balls
- Tape
- Printable character cutouts (David, Absalom, followers, etc.)

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Box:

- Use the shoe box or cardboard box as the base for your diorama. Make sure to remove one of the longer sides of the box to create an open view.

2. Create the Background:

- Use blue construction paper to line the inside of the box (sky) and glue it on.
- Cut green construction paper for the bottom (ground) and glue it onto the base.

3. Add River and Path:

- Cut a strip of blue construction paper for the river and glue it winding across the ground.
- Use brown construction paper to create a path leading through the diorama.

4. Make the Characters:

- Print out simple character drawings representing King David, Absalom, and a few followers. You can draw your own if preferred.
- Color the characters, cut them out, and tape each to a popsicle stick to stand them up.

5. Decorate the Scene:

- Place small stones or pebbles along the path to resemble rough terrain.
- Add twigs to simulate trees along the river and path.
- Tear and fluff cotton balls to create clouds, and stick them to the sky area with glue.

6. Set the Scene:

- Place David on the path, moving towards the river, representing his flight from Absalom.
- Position followers behind David to show his support.
- Place Absalom's cutout on the opposite side, symbolizing his conflicting course.

Reinforcement of Lesson:

This craft helps elementary students visualize and engage with the story of 2 Samuel 15, where David flees Jerusalem due to Absalom's conspiracy. The diorama brings to life the journey and the

emotions involved, such as loyalty, betrayal, and trust in God. By assembling the scene, students can discuss the challenges David faced and ponder on themes of leadership, family conflict, and seeking refuge in faith, reinforcing the story's moral and spiritual lessons.