

Crafts

Craft: David's Horn of Unity

Materials List:

- Cardstock paper (thick and colorful)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Stickers or decorative items (optional)
- Ribbon or yarn
- Hole punch

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Introduction to the Story:

Start by briefly explaining 2 Samuel 20 to the students. Highlight the importance of unity and resolving conflict within the community, using King David's leadership as an example.

2. Create the Horn Shape:

- Take a sheet of cardstock paper and roll it into a cone or horn shape. Make sure the opening is large enough for a child to speak or shout through.
- Secure the edge with glue to maintain the cone shape.

3. Decorate the Horn:

- Allow the children to decorate their horns using markers, crayons, and stickers. Encourage them to draw symbols of peace and unity (like doves or joined hands).
- They can write keywords from the story like "Unity," "Peace," and "Leadership."

4. Attach a Strap:

- Punch two holes on opposite sides near the opening of the horn.
- Thread a piece of ribbon or yarn through the holes and tie knots to create a strap for wearing around the neck.

5. Reflection and Use:

- Have the children sit in a circle and encourage them to take turns using their horns to say positive messages or words of encouragement and unity.
- Discuss the importance of speaking words that build up and unite people, just like David aimed to unify Israel.

Reinforcing the Lesson:

This craft activity reinforces the lesson of unity from 2 Samuel 20 by providing a tangible way for students to express concepts of peace and leadership. The horn serves as a symbol of calling people together, just like Joab used the trumpet to declare victory. By decorating and using the horn, children engage with the story's themes, promoting understanding and personal application of unity in their own lives.