

Crafts

Craft Activity: Solomon's Temple Mosaic

Materials List:

- Construction paper in various colors
- Small square pieces of metallic cardstock or foil paper
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Crayons or markers
- 8.5x11 white cardstock or poster board (one per student)
- Rulers
- Pencil

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Introduction to the Lesson:

Begin by discussing 1 Kings 9, focusing on God's promise to Solomon about the Temple and the importance of obedience and faithfulness. Explain how Solomon's Temple was a beautiful and sacred place for worship.

2. Prepare the Base:

Give each student a piece of white cardstock or poster board. This will serve as the base for their Temple mosaic.

3. Design the Temple Outline:

Use a pencil and ruler to draw a simple outline of the Temple on the cardstock. You can demonstrate on a board how to create a basic temple shape with a rectangular building and triangular roof. Students can copy this outline or create their own version.

4. Cut Mosaic Pieces:

Provide small squares of various colored construction paper and metallic foil paper. Students can cut these into smaller square pieces, approximately 1 inch by 1 inch, to simulate mosaic tiles.

5. Glue the Mosaic:

Using glue sticks, students will fill in the outlined Temple with the paper squares. Encourage them to use the metallic squares for parts of the Temple they wish to emphasize, like the roof or entrance, to mimic the grandeur and decoration of Solomon's Temple.

6. Add Details:

Once the mosaic is complete, students can use crayons or markers to add additional details such as windows, doors, or surrounding scenery like hills or skies.

7. Share and Reflect:

Allow students to share their completed mosaics with the class. Use this time to reinforce the lesson by asking questions about God's promise and the importance of faithfulness represented by the Temple's beauty and purpose.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:

This activity helps students visualize and understand the significance of Solomon's Temple as a place of worship and a symbol of God's presence. By constructing a mosaic, they engage actively with the story, reflecting on the craftsmanship and dedication required to build something meaningful. The activity also provides a tactile way to discuss themes of obedience and the fulfillment of God's promises.