

Crafts

Craft Activity: Queen of Sheba's Visit Diorama

Materials Needed:

- Shoe box (one per student)
- Construction paper (various colors)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Small toy figures (like from a playset, optional)
- Gold glitter or gold foil paper
- Craft jewels or sequins
- Cotton balls
- Tape

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Background Creation:

- Have students turn the shoe box on its side to create a backdrop for their diorama.
- Use blue construction paper to line the back of the shoe box as the "sky."

2. Creating the Palace:

- Cut out a piece of colored construction paper to create a palace facade within the shoe box.
- Students can use markers to draw bricks or windows on the facade.
- Optionally, add columns using rolled pieces of paper.

3. Decorate with Gold:

- Cut shapes resembling crowns, scepters, or treasures from gold foil paper and paste them around the palace to represent the wealth King Solomon showed the Queen of Sheba.
- Use gold glitter or craft jewels to embellish these items.

4. Queen of Sheba and Solomon Figures:

- If using toy figures, place them inside the diorama to represent the Queen and King Solomon.
- Otherwise, students can draw the characters on construction paper, color them, cut them out, and glue them standing up inside the diorama.

5. Adding Animals and Gifts:

- Draw or cut out shapes of camels and other animals that might have accompanied the Queen.
- Use cotton balls to create clouds in the sky or to represent sheep accompanying the Queen.

6. Finishing Touches:

- Allow students to use sequins to decorate the diorama as additional wealth shown during the visit.
- Encourage creativity by drawing additional elements, such as trees or gardens.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:

This craft helps students visualize the grandeur and importance of the event described in 1 Kings 10, where the Queen of Sheba visits King Solomon. Students learn about King Solomon's wisdom and the significance of trade and cultural exchanges in biblical times. The act of recreating King Solomon's palace and the Queen's visit highlights the idea of hospitality, generosity, and shared

knowledge, which were key themes of their encounter.