Crafts

Craft Title: "Building the Kingdom: A 3D Altar of Stones"

Materials List:
- Small cardboard boxes or tissue boxes (one per student)
- Gray and brown construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Index cards
- Small stickers or gems (optional)

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Base:
- Give each student a small cardboard or tissue box. This will serve as the foundation for their "altar."

2. Create the Stones:
- Using gray and brown construction paper, have students cut out several "stone" shapes. These should be irregular, oval, or round shapes to mimic stones. Help them if needed.

3. Assemble the Altar:
- Instruct the students to glue the "stones" onto the outside of their box, covering all sides. Encourage them to layer the stones to create a realistic 3D effect, showing how altars were built from collected stones.

4. Decorate the Altar:
- Allow students to use markers or crayons to add details (like cracks or moss) to their stones for a realistic touch. Optional: Use stickers or small gems to add decorative elements like jewels.

5. Reflect on the Lesson:
- Provide students with index cards. Ask them to write a simple message or key lesson they learned from 1 Kings 16 about faithfulness and leadership.
- Allow them to glue their card on one side of the altar or place it inside as a hidden message of reflection.

6. Display and Share:
- Once completed, each student can share their altar with the class, briefly describing what their message represents and how it relates to the lesson from 1 Kings 16.

Reinforcement of Lesson:
This activity helps reinforce the biblical lesson from 1 Kings 16 by allowing students to engage in a tactile and creative representation of building an altar—a significant symbol in the scripture for worship and dedication. As they build their altar, they're reminded of the importance of choices and actions. This craft encourages discussion around the themes of faithfulness, obedience, and the consequences of leadership, providing an opportunity to explore the impact of decisions in a visually and personally meaningful way.