Crafts

Craft: Elijah’s Cave and Whispering Wind Diorama

Materials Needed:
- Shoebox or similar sized box
- Construction paper (various colors)
- Scissors
- Glue or glue sticks
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Cotton balls
- Small branch or twigs
- Printed or drawn figure of Elijah
- Markers
- Tape

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Background Setup:
- Use the shoebox as the diorama base. Place it on its side with the opening facing forward to create a stage-like setting.
- Decorate the inside back of the box with construction paper to create a scene. Use blue for the sky and green or brown for the earth or mountain.

2. Create the Cave:
- Cut a piece of black or gray construction paper to form the shape of a cave. It should be able to stand upright inside the box.
- Glue or tape the paper cave to the inside of the shoebox near the back.

3. Add Elijah:
- Color the printed or drawn figure of Elijah. Cut it out and use a small piece of folded paper to make a stand so that Elijah can stand upright in front of the cave.
- Position Elijah facing out of the cave to represent the moment when he hears God’s whisper.

4. Create the Wind Effect:
- Use cotton balls to represent clouds. Stretch them out slightly to make them look wispy and attach them to the top and sides of the box with glue.
- Gather twigs or small branches and attach them to the bottom of the scene with tape or glue to suggest trees or blowing branches.

5. Decorate and Detail:
- Use markers or crayons to add details like rocks, additional plant life, or other scene elements in and around the cave and on the box walls.
- Add written elements or thought bubbles for Elijah to indicate listening or being thoughtful.

6. Personalize the Scenery:
- Let each student personalize their diorama with additional elements they feel appropriate, such as small drawings of wind swirls or a sun in the sky.

Reinforcement of Lesson:

This activity helps reinforce the lesson from 1 Kings 19, where God is not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but in the gentle whisper. As students create the scene, they engage with the idea of listening for God's voice in unexpected, peaceful ways. The act of making the cave and adding elements like a small representation of Elijah helps visualize the story, emphasizing reflection and listening, a key aspect of the lesson.