Crafts

Craft Title: Creating a Trust Shield

Materials List:
- Cardboard or heavy paper (sturdy enough for a shield, approx. 12x12 inches)
- Scissors
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Aluminum foil
- Glue
- Yarn or string
- Hole punch
- Decorative stickers or jewels (optional)

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Cut Out the Shield Shape:
- Give each student a piece of cardboard. Instruct them to draw and cut out a shield shape.

2. Cover with Aluminum Foil:
- Have students cover the front of their cardboard shield with aluminum foil to give it a metallic look. They can glue or tape the foil into place.

3. Decorate the Shield:
- Using markers or crayons, students can draw patterns, symbols, or write encouraging words on their shield. Encourage creativity. They can also stick decorative stickers or jewels for added flair.

4. Attach Handles:
- Punch holes on either side at the back of the shield. Use yarn or string to create a handle by tying it through the holes. Ensure it's secure and that students can easily hold the shield.

5. Discuss and Personalize:
- Discuss 1 Kings 20 with the students, focusing on how God helped the Israelites in an unlikely victory over the Arameans. Emphasize the importance of trusting God and having faith despite overwhelming odds. Below the design, students can write a short phrase or a single word that reminds them of trust and faith.

6. Reflection:
- Ask students to share what they have created and explain what their design represents and how it relates to trusting God, just like the Israelites trusted God in the battle.

Lesson Reinforcement:
This activity reinforces the lesson of 1 Kings 20 by allowing students to physically create a "shield of trust." As they decorate and write words of encouragement, they internalize the message of relying on faith instead of fear. The craft serves as a visual and tangible reminder of the biblical story's moral.