Crafts

Craft Activity: Naboth's Vineyard Diorama

Lesson Connection:
1 Kings 21 teaches about fairness, justice, and consequences of greed. The story of Naboth's vineyard can help children understand the importance of integrity and the impact of making ethical choices.

Materials Needed:
- Shoe boxes or small cardboard boxes (one per student)
- Construction paper (green, brown, and various colors)
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Small twigs or sticks (collected from outside)
- Artificial leaf craft decorations or green tissue paper
- Figurine templates (simple people and royal figures)
- Cotton balls (optional, for clouds)

Instructions:
1. Create the Vineyard Base:
- Cover the inside bottom of the shoebox with a piece of brown construction paper to represent soil. Glue it in place.

2. Make the Vines:
- Use small twigs to mimic vineyard poles. Cut green construction paper or tissue paper into strips to create vines. Glue the green strips onto the twigs and arrange them inside the box to represent rows of vines.

3. Decorate the Vineyard:
- Add small pieces of construction paper in various colors to represent grapes on the vines.
- Optionally, use cotton balls glued at the top inside of the box to create clouds for the sky.

4. Add the Characters:
- Have students color and cut out the figurine templates. Figures should include Naboth, King Ahab, and possibly Queen Jezebel.
- Glue these figures into the box, arranging Naboth near the vines and King Ahab and Jezebel slightly apart, symbolizing the conflict.

5. Final Details:
- Use markers to add any additional details, such as drawing birds or additional plants.
- Encourage students to write the main lesson or verse from 1 Kings 21 on the outside of their box or on a separate card to attach to the diorama.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:
- As the children build the vineyard and add characters, discuss the story of Naboth and the actions of King Ahab and Jezebel. Ask questions about what fairness means and how greed can lead people to make wrong choices.
- Emphasize the importance of respecting others, valuing fairness, and standing up for what is

right.
- Encourage students to reflect on situations in their own lives where they can choose integrity and fairness.