# Crafts

Craft Activity: "Unity Shield"

Objective: Create a visual reminder of the theme of reconciliation and unity from 2 Samuel 3, which highlights the negotiation and peace-making efforts between David and Abner.

Materials Needed:

- Large cardboard sheets
- Scissors
- Non-toxic paint or colored markers
- Paintbrushes (if using paint)
- Glue sticks or glue guns
- Decorative items (stickers, sequins, fabric scraps)
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Bible verses printed on paper
- Tape

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Introduction to the Lesson:
- Briefly discuss 2 Samuel 3, focusing on the themes of reconciliation and unity.
- Explain how Abner reached out to David to unite Israel under his kingship, representing peace and end to conflict.

2. Designing the Shield:
- Each student starts with a large piece of cardboard.
- Using a pencil and ruler, sketch out the shape of a shield. The design can be traditional or personalized.
- Cut out the shield shape carefully with scissors.

3. Painting and Decorating:
- Paint or color the shield using non-toxic paint or markers. Encourage creativity but remind them to leave space for inscriptions or symbols of unity.
- Allow a few minutes for the paint to dry if painting.

4. Adding Decorative Elements:
- Use stickers, sequins, or fabric scraps to add decoration. Discuss their choices in terms of how they relate to unity and peace.
- Remember to leave some space for the Bible verse.

5. Incorporating the Lesson:
- Provide each student with a printed Bible verse related to the theme of reconciliation, such as "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).
- Tape or glue the verse onto the shield, ensuring it's visible and central.

6. Reflection Time:
- Once completed, gather as a group and allow the students to show their shields.

- Discuss how each design represents the theme of unity and what specific lessons from 2 Samuel 3 stand out to them.

7. Wrap-Up:
- Conclude with a prayer or a moment of silence, reinforcing the importance of being peacemakers and seeking unity in their own lives.

Connection to the Lesson:

This craft activity allows the students to physically engage with the concept of unity and peace from 2 Samuel 3. By creating a "Unity Shield," they are reminded of the positive outcomes of reconciliation and how taking steps towards peace can protect and strengthen a community. This activity not only reinforces Biblical teachings but also fosters creativity and personal reflection on the importance of these values in everyday life.