Crafts

Craft: Elijah’s Chariot of Fire

Materials List:
- Red, orange, and yellow construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Paper plates (one per student)
- Crayons or markers
- String or yarn
- Hole puncher
- Decorative materials (glitter, stickers, etc.)

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Chariot Base:
- Give each student a paper plate. This will be the base of the chariot.

2. Decorate Elijah’s Chariot:
- Have students use crayons or markers to draw a chariot shape on the plate, leaving some space on each side for the “wheels” and decorations.
- Encourage them to decorate the chariot using stickers or glitter.

3. Create the Flames:
- Ask students to cut flame shapes out of the red, orange, and yellow construction paper to represent the “chariot of fire.” For guidance, you might show them how to make simple flame shapes by cutting waves or tear-drop shapes.

4. Attach the Flames:
- Using glue sticks, students should attach their cut-out flames to the edges of the paper plate so it looks like the chariot is surrounded by fire. The flames can overlap and be arranged in any pattern they like.

5. Assemble the Chariot:
- Help students punch a hole on each side of the paper plate.
- Cut a piece of string or yarn long enough for the students to use as a handle, so the chariot can be “flown” around.
- Tie the string or yarn through the holes in the paper plate.

Reinforcing the Lesson:

This activity reinforces the lesson from 2 Kings 2 in which Elijah is taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire. As students work on their crafts, discuss themes such as Elijah’s faithfulness, the miraculous nature of God’s actions, and the continuation of God’s work through Elisha, his successor. The craft serves as a visual and tactile reminder of the story, helping them to remember the key elements and lessons from the passage through creative expression.