Crafts

Craft: "Miracle of Water in the Desert" Diorama

Materials List:
- Shoebox (or similar-sized box)
- Sand or tan-colored paper
- Blue cellophane or tissue paper
- Small plastic or paper cups
- Craft glue
- Scissors
- Colored pencils or markers
- Figurines or small toy soldiers (optional)
- Construction paper in green, brown, and red
- Cotton balls

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prepare the Box:
- Remove the lid from your shoebox to use it as the base of your diorama. Stand it horizontally with the opening facing you.

2. Create the Desert Floor:
- Spread a thin layer of sand on the bottom of the shoebox to mimic the desert. Alternatively, lay tan-colored paper as a base.

3. Simulate Water Pools:
- Cut pieces of blue cellophane or tissue paper to represent water and lay them in the bottom to create pools where the ditches would have been filled miraculously.

4. Design the Background:
- Use the brown and red construction paper to cut out mountain shapes and glue them to the inside back of the shoebox to represent the surrounding Edom terrain.

5. Add Characters:
- Use figurines or create your own characters by drawing and cutting out King Jehoram, King Jehoshaphat, the King of Edom, and their armies. Stand these figures around the desert and pools of water.

6. Create Vegetation:
- Cut out small pieces of green construction paper and glue them sporadically to indicate mirage vegetation initiated by the newly available water.

7. Optional Clouds:
- Pull some cotton balls to form small clouds and glue them to the top inside of the box, setting the scene of miraculous provision.

Reinforcing the Lesson:

This craft activity will help elementary students visualize the miraculous event described in 2 Kings

3, where God provided water without rain as a sign to the three kings and their armies. By creating their own representation, students engage with the story actively, facilitating a better understanding of God's power and provision. The process reinforces the narrative’s central message: even in seemingly impossible situations, faith can lead to unexpected deliverance. This hands-on activity encourages students to reflect on the importance of belief and trust in divine help.