Crafts

Craft: Floating Axe Head Paper Plate Craft

Materials List:
- Paper plates (one per student)
- Blue paint
- Paintbrushes
- Brown construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Popsicle sticks
- Aluminum foil
- Clear tape

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Prepare Your Plate (Water Background):
- Hand out a paper plate to each student. This will serve as the base for your water scene.
- Have the students paint the inner circle of the plate blue to represent water. Allow it to dry.

2. Create the Axe Head:
- Using brown construction paper, students will cut out a small axe handle shape (about half the length of a popsicle stick).
- Cut out an axe head shape from the aluminum foil. Make sure it is proportionate to your paper handle.

3. Assemble the Axe:
- Use clear tape to attach the aluminum foil axe head to the top of the brown paper handle.
- Then, tape the completed axe handle shape to the top of a popsicle stick for support.

4. Float the Axe:
- Cut a small slit in the center of the paper plate (water area) once the paint is dry.
- Insert the popsicle stick through the slit so that the axe floats above the surface of the "water."

5. Decorate and Personalize:
- Using markers or crayons, students can add other features around the plate such as grass, trees, or rocks to create a riverside scene.
- Encourage students to write, "Elisha made the axe head float!" on the rim of the paper plate.

Lesson Reinforcement:

This craft ties directly to the story in 2 Kings 6:1-7, where the prophet Elisha performed a miracle by causing a lost axe head to float in the water. As students create their floating axe craft, discuss the significance of the miracle. Explain how it demonstrated God's power and care for the prophets, even in small matters like helping them recover their borrowed tools. This interactive activity helps students remember the story by depicting the miracle in a tangible way that they can connect to visually and creatively.