Crafts

Craft Activity: "Apostles' Shadow Card"

Materials Needed:
- Black construction paper
- White or light-colored cardstock
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Pencils
- Rulers

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Background Preparation:
- Give each student a piece of white or light-colored cardstock that will serve as the card base. Fold it in half to create a card.

2. Shadow Cutout:
- On a piece of black construction paper, draw the silhouette outline of an apostle. Use a ruler and pencil to sketch a simple figure if desired. Make sure the silhouette is small enough to fit on the front of the card.

3. Cut and Attach:
- Carefully cut out the apostle silhouette.
- Use glue sticks to attach the silhouette onto the front of the folded cardstock. The black figure will represent the apostle's shadow.

4. Decorating and Detailing:
- Around the silhouette, students can draw people reaching out towards the shadow, using markers or crayons. They can also add other decorative elements like sunshine or plants.
- On the inside of the card, students write Acts 5:15 or another favorite verse from the passage.
- Students can add a short message about helping or caring for others as the apostles did.

5. Personalizing the Lesson:
- Encourage each student to write or draw an example of how they can be a positive influence or helper in someone else's life, similar to how the apostles helped those who came to them.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:
This activity helps reinforce the biblical lesson of Acts 5:12-42 by demonstrating the impact of the apostles’ power to heal and their dedication to spreading the message of Jesus. The craft teaches children that their actions and presence, represented by the "shadow," can positively affect others, just as the apostles’ shadows healed the sick. It promotes the idea of faith and community, highlighting the importance of standing firm in beliefs and helping others, embodying the apostles' work and courage.