Crafts

Craft: "God's Provision Pouch"

Materials List:
- Small paper bags (1 per student)
- Colored markers or crayons
- Stickers (stars, hearts, etc.)
- Glue sticks
- Safety scissors
- Scrap pieces of colorful paper or fabric
- Small printable cards with the verse: "The Lord will provide" (2 Kings 8 related concept)
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn

Step-by-Step Instructions:

1. Introduction:
- Briefly explain the story of 2 Kings 8 and how God provided for the Shunammite woman and her family in a time of need.

2. Decorate the Pouch:
- Give each student a paper bag. This will represent how God provides and sustains us.
- Allow students to use the colored markers or crayons to decorate the outside of the bag with patterns or pictures that they associate with care and provision (e.g., fruits, houses, fields). Encourage creativity.

3. Add Embellishments:
- Provide stickers for additional decoration. Students can place these wherever they like on the paper bag.

4. Create a Reminder Card:
- Hand out the printable cards with the verse, "The Lord will provide."
- Students can color around the border and decorate it using small pieces of colorful paper or fabric cut into shapes and glued onto the card.

5. Attach the Card:
- Use a hole punch to make a hole at the top of the card.
- Thread a piece of ribbon or yarn through the hole and tie it onto the handle of the paper bag, or if the bag has no handles, tie a small bow at the top of the card and attach it to the bag with glue.

6. Discussion and Reflection:
- As students work on their pouches, discuss how in the story of 2 Kings 8, the Shunammite woman witnessed God’s provision. Ask the students to share ways they have experienced or seen provision in their own lives.
- Encourage them to take the pouch home and use it to collect, each week, little reminders (such as drawings, notes, small objects) of how they see provision and blessings in their lives.

7. Closing:
- Review the main lesson that God knows our needs and provides for us, just as He did for the

Shunammite woman.
- Encourage them to remember this when they see their decorated pouch at home.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:
This craft helps reinforce the lesson by providing a tangible reminder of God's provision. As students decorate and reflect upon their own experiences of being provided for, they mirror the lesson's theme. The "provision pouch" serves as a physical embodiment of the biblical message, facilitating continued reflection and gratitude beyond the classroom setting.