

Good Friday = Painful Day



Today's focus is on Jesus loving us enough to allow himself to be hurt so that we can be friends with God. Bible verse: John 3v16 "God loved the world so much, that He gave His only son so that anyone who believes in Him will live in Heaven with Him one day."

Watch this gentle animation of the Easter story on BBC Teach: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/religious-studies-ks1-the-christian-story-of-easter/zhgv47h>

Song: 'Thank you for loving me' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UG-mCgFa7vk>

Cross-themed artwork activities (see following pages).

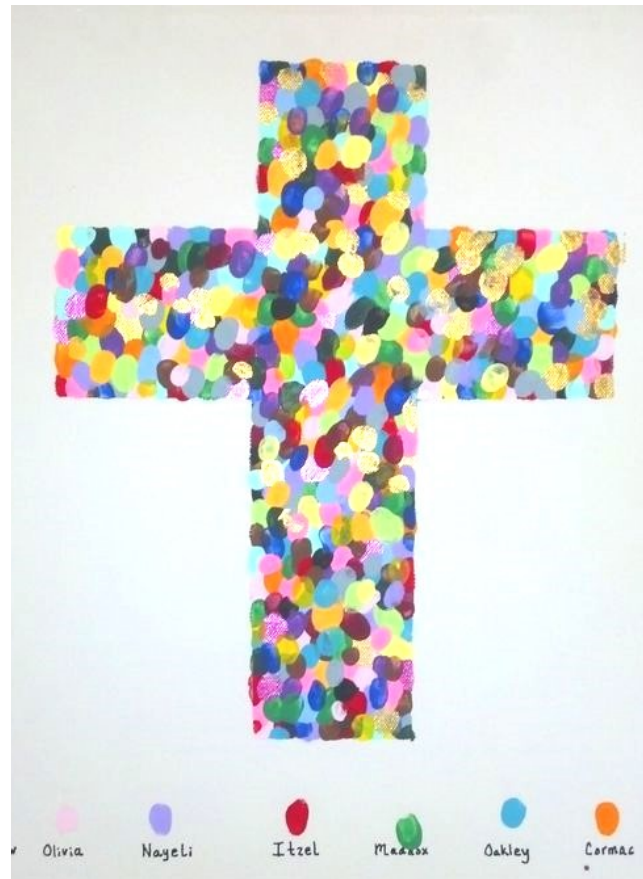
Artistic Crosses

The cross is the symbol of Christianity because it reminds Christians that Jesus died on the cross and came back to life. People often use art to explore things that are important to them. Here are some ideas that you could try. You could make art in a cross shape or another shape that is important to you and your family, like a crescent moon, a Star of David or a heart.



Decorated lolly sticks arranged into a cross shape. You could take a photo, then rearrange the lolly sticks into other shapes and patterns.

A finger-painted cross. Draw a cross shape on a piece of paper, each person in the house chooses a colour, then fill the shape with your fingerprints. You could also do a heart or another shape that's important to



Two bundles of painted sticks tied together and displayed in a window. You could tightly roll up magazine pages and glue the edge to make long, thin, brightly coloured tubes instead of using sticks.

Decorated Crosses from El Salvador

This cross is from El Salvador. It is called the María Gómez cross. María Cristina Gómez was a teacher who was a Christian and who worked hard to support women. The cross was made to show the things that were important in her life.

- Write down the things you can see on the cross that were important in Maria's life.
- What things would give people an idea of what is important to you? Draw them or write a list.
- You could make your own cross or heart filled with pictures of things that are important to you.

