

FAITH FORMATION AT HOME - HOLY WEEK

BRIEF FAITH ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME.
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Good Friday Cross

YOU WILL NEED: Bible, white poster board or similar, paint or markers, paper towels, tape

Prepare: Mark your Bible to Luke 23:32-47 and 1 Peter 1:3-5.
Cut two long pieces from the poster board: (we recommend 4" x 28" and 4" x 15"). Position the two pieces to form a cross. Tape the paper together on the back.

PRAY: *Dear God, help us to learn more about the cross. Amen.*

DIRECTIONS: Place the cross on a protected work area (covered in newspaper to prevent spills). Invite family members to tell about other crosses they have seen, perhaps in jewelry, around the house, at church, or in a book. Explain that the cross is important to Christians because of what Jesus did on Good Friday.

READ: Read aloud Luke 23:32-47 from your Bible. Encourage family members to tell what this reading causes them to wonder about.

ACTIVITY: Work together to personalize your family's cross. You can choose to have the family paint their hands and "stamp" handprints onto the cross, they can trace their handprints with marker, or they can choose to draw on the cross. Repeat until the cross is covered with your handprints and designs.

Together, look at your cross. Wonder together about the following questions:

- How are we connected to the story of the cross?
- Why do you think Jesus died on a cross?
- What do we celebrate on Easter Sunday?

READ: Ask someone to read aloud 1 Peter 1:3-5. In language that is appropriate for the ages of your family members and for your own faith tradition, discuss the good news of Easter—forgiveness, new life, belonging to the body of Christ, God's love that never ends.

Your family can choose to display the cross in your home. You may want to gather near it for bedtime prayers during Lent and Holy Week.