



Good Friday

Find this story in your bibles in John 18.1 - 19.42

Friday 10th April 2020

Start with a discussion:

- What would your idea of a good day look like?
- What would you be doing?
- Do you know what sin is?

Story in context

Jesus was arrested early on the morning of Good Friday after being betrayed by Judas (one of his disciples). He was then put on trial in front of a Roman officer called Pontius Pilate. Pilate didn't think Jesus had done very much wrong, but he was worried by the anger of the crowds outside and so handed Jesus over to the Chief Priests. People started shouting, "Take him away. Crucify him!". Jesus was treated very badly.

He was mocked and beaten in front of many people who loved Him. People had called Jesus "King of the Jews". The Romans made fun of this. They made a crown - a symbol of royalty and majesty - but turned it into a crown of thorns, which was something painful and degrading.





Jesus had to wear this crown and was then made to carry a cross made of heavy wood all the way up a hill through the city, before being nailed to it and dying. It was a cruel and terrible way to die. Jesus did not deserve to die, but He loved us so much that He was willing to die for you and me. Before He died Jesus said "it is finished". That meant that He died so we would not be afraid of death anymore, and that we could always be forgiven for the things we do wrong. (When people sin, it means they are doing things they should not do). Jesus died to take all of the punishment for our sins, the things we do wrong, and to show us that God loves us and is always on our side.

The story of Jesus' crucifixion is one of the most important stories in the Bible. It was on the cross that Jesus accomplished and "finished" His earthly work. Christians today remember and celebrate the events of that day as "Good Friday". It was a horrible day for Jesus and His mother and His followers, but it was the day Jesus conquered death and secured forgiveness for us all. We remember His sacrifice, and celebrate His love!

Join in prayer together

Dear Lord, thank you for loving us so much that you died for us. Please help us to feel your love in these difficult weeks ahead. Amen.

The picture of the crown of thorns is from an altar frontal in the Cathedral.



Activity

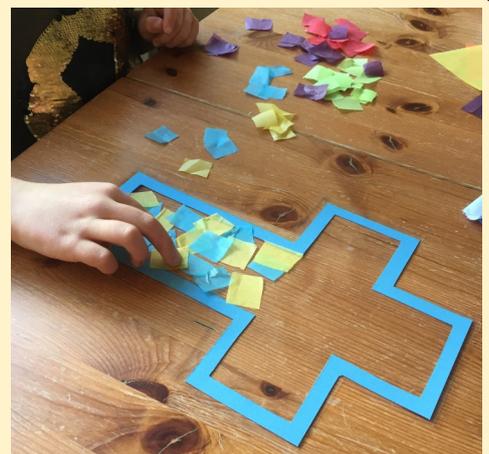
You will need:

- Coloured card or paper
- Scissors (remember scissors can be sharp; take care and ask an adult for help)
- Tissue paper
- Either a laminator, sticky backed plastic, cellotape or white tissue paper with glue on
- Ruler and a pen

Mark out a cross shape on your piece of A4 paper/card. Make sure there is a 1cm border to define the cross shape. Once this is done, carefully using a craft knife or scissors, cut down the lines. (Ask an adult if this is tricky)



Once your template is cut out, either place it into the laminator pouch, use sticky backed plastic or place it on to light coloured tissue paper. Place your pre cut bits of coloured tissue paper onto your chosen base.





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Once you are happy with your design, cover it with some more sticky backed plastic, or place it through your laminator.

Place it in your window for the sun to shine on it and light up the beautiful colours.

