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Good Friday



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A Dreadful Day

When Jesus and his friends had finished their goodbye meal, they walked to a garden to pray. That's where Jesus' enemies found him.

The men had torches and clubs and sticks. They were very frightening. And right in front was Judas, who had been one of Jesus' friends.

Judas crept up to Jesus and kissed him on the cheek. "This is the man you want!" said Judas. "Arrest him!" Jesus looked very sad.

Jesus' friends were scared. Most of them ran away. But not Peter. He pulled out his sword and started swinging it about.

"Put your sword away," said Jesus. "This is not the time for fighting. I have to go with them. God wants me to."

So they grabbed Jesus, and dragged him before the religious leaders - the ones who were jealous of him. His trial took all night.

"He says he will destroy our Temple," said one man

"He says he is a king," said another.

"He's a troublemaker!" said one and all.

None of this was true, of course. But it didn't matter, because the leaders had already made up their minds. Jesus was different from them. Jesus wouldn't do what they said. So Jesus would have to die.

They beat Jesus. They hit him hard. Then they took away his clothes, put an old robe round his shoulders and jammed a crown made of thorns on his head. And while the blood ran down his forehead, they called him names and made fun of him. "So you think you're a king?" they laughed. "Well, look at you now!"

Jesus never said a word. His body hurt, his heart was breaking, but he never said a word.

They took a cross next, made of heavy wood, and they laid it on his back. "Move along!" they shouted, and they led him through the city. Some people cried when they saw him. Others cheered. But all of them followed, as he luggered that cross through the city gates and up a nearby hill.

When they got to the top, they laid Jesus on the cross and nailed him to it. It hurt so much. Then they raised the cross, so that everyone could see, and they left him there to die.

A thief, hanging next to him, was afraid. But Jesus talked to him and helped him feel better.

Jesus' mother was there too, standing in the crowd. So Jesus called to one of his friends, "Take care of her for me, will you John? She's your mother now."

But most of the faces in the crowd were not so kind. "You saved other people," someone laughed, "so why can't you save yourself?"

Jesus knew why. It wasn't because his enemies had won. It was because God wanted him there - to take away all the bad things anyone had ever done.

Soon the sky grew dark and the earth shook. It was as if God's own heart was breaking. And then it happened.

"It's done," Jesus whispered. And in the sadness and the dark, he died.

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Music

When I think about the Cross by Ark Music Collective

When I think about the cross,
When I think of Jesus,
I'm reminded of his love-
Love that never leaves me.
Who am I that He should die,
Giving life so freely?
When I think about the cross,
Help me to believe it.
(Repeat twice more)

Creative Prayer

HOT CROSS BUNS

Then they put him to death by nailing him to a cross. Acts 10:39

You will need: one hot cross bun for each person taking part

Instructions

1. Why do we eat hot cross buns at Easter? Millions of people in many different countries eat hot cross buns to remember how Jesus suffered on the cross for our wrongdoing.
2. Think about some of the ingredients needed to make them. Yeast is needed to make the buns rise; it can also remind us that Jesus did not stay dead - he rose again.
3. Dried fruits are added to the mixture; these remind us of the good things that come from Jesus' death. Without his death on the cross we would not be able to enjoy new life.
4. In a time of quiet enjoy eating the hot cross buns and as you eat say thank you to God because he was ready to die on the cross for us.

The Easter Story

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Jesus
temple
palm leaves
priests

Judas
wine
bread
angel

Peter
cross
tomb
Easter

Crafts

Create a foil cross

You will need

Cardboard cut into the shape of a cross

Foam Cut into the shape of a cross

Tin Foil

Pencil

Glue

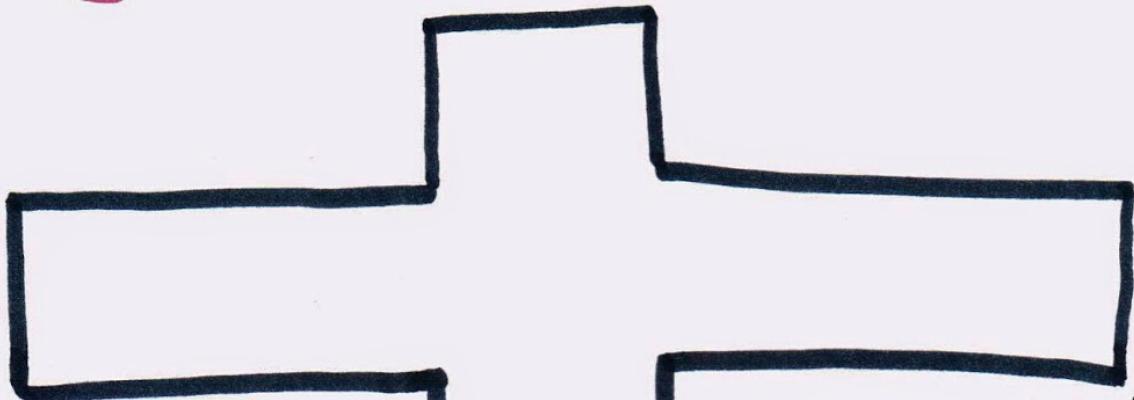
Instructions

1. Glue the foam to the cardboard and the foil to the foam keeping it nice and smooth
2. Use the pencil to draw a design of your choice on top of the foil



Playdough Mat

Crucify him



Fill the cross
shape with
play dough.

Use play dough
to give the people
sad faces.



