

# STAINED GLASS CROSS



GET CREATIVE



30 MINUTES



PREPARATION  
NEEDED

## AIM

Create a colourful stained-glass cross to help you to reflect on the story of Easter, in particular the crucifixion of Jesus and the new life we receive through that cross.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- ▶ Stained Glass Cross Template
- ▶ Scissors
- ▶ Coloured Tissue Paper
- ▶ Sticky Back Plastic / Laminating Sheets

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THEME: ARTY & CRAFTY



## LEADER PREPARATION

A leader will need to print copies of the stained-glass cross template sheet for each child. Alternatively, you could create your own by cutting a large cross from card and using this as a stencil to draw around black paper/card to create other crosses.



[Download Stained Glass Cross Template Sheet](#)



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

- 1 Before starting the activity, ask children what they know about the cross. What role did it play in the Easter story? Why do Christians use the symbol of the cross to remind them of God's love?
- 2 Explain that you are all going to make a decorative stained glass cross. Start by giving each child a copy of the template sheet. We've provided an easy version (a simple cross) and a more difficult version (a cross within a window).
- 3 Children should cut out the white areas of the sheet, leaving just the black outline. If using the simple cross version, cut the cross out first. Then fold the cross in half length wise and cut into the cross from the fold, allowing you to easily cut the inside of the cross out.
- 4 Gather a collection of coloured tissue paper. Cut these into small squares of colour.
- 5 Place the cross onto a piece of sticky back plastic. Now carefully add squares of coloured tissue paper inside the cross/window, to start creating the stained glass cross. Let children get creative and make whatever patterns they wish.
- 6 Once the cross/window is fully designed, stick a second piece of sticky back plastic on top of the cross, sealing in the designed window between the two sheets of plastic.
- 7 Finally, you can now trim the cross/window by cutting away all the excess plastic around the cross/window. This should leave you with a finished stained-glass cross.
- 8 Children can now stick this stained-glass cross to a window, to help catch the sun and enhance the colours of their design.
- 9 Encourage children to take home the stained glass cross and place it somewhere prominent, to help them to always remember the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross for us.



## IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Expand this activity by making an 'Easter' themed stained glass window(s). This could be by cutting out other outline shapes, telling the story of Easter, that can then be transformed into stained glass windows.



## KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Care should be taken when using scissors.



