

JESUS AND THE PEOPLE HE MET...

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1. Heart of Forgiveness

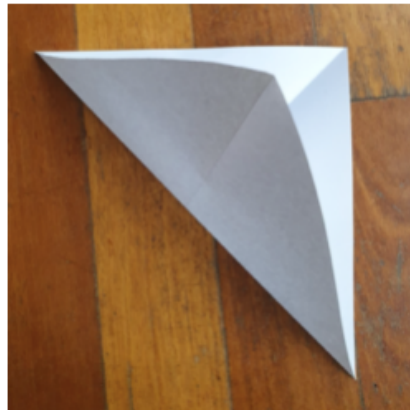
The Bible tells us that people can be forgiven of their sins because Jesus died on the cross and rose again! Have a go at making this origami heart to help remind you.

You will need:

- A square piece of paper (the bigger the better)
- Pencils, textas and anything you would like to use as decoration

Instructions:

1. Fold in half to create a triangle.



2. Undo this first fold and then fold the other way.

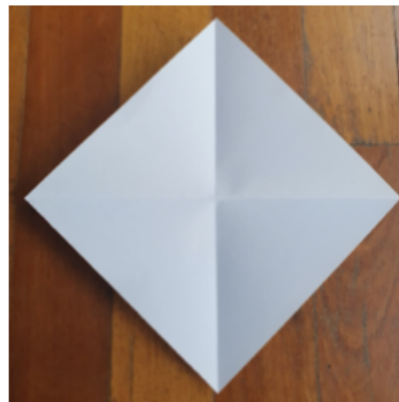


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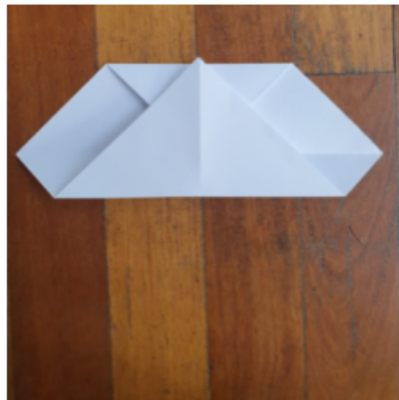
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3. Unfold and turn the piece of paper so it looks like a diamond.



4. Fold the top corner to the middle, then the bottom corner to the new top.



5. Take one half of the bottom edge and fold towards the centre line, then do the same with the other side.

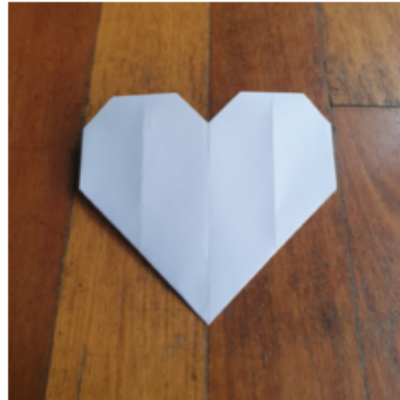


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6. Turn the piece of paper around and fold in the corners. Then turn back.



7. Write "Jesus Brings Forgiveness" on the front and then decorate! You can draw pictures, write your favourite Bible verse, the memory verse, or even a message inside for one of your friends!



2. Create a Cross

Make a cross - just like Gem and Cossec - to help remind you of how Jesus died on the cross for us!

You will need:

- Print out cross template or cut a cross shape out of paper
- Pencils
- Scissors

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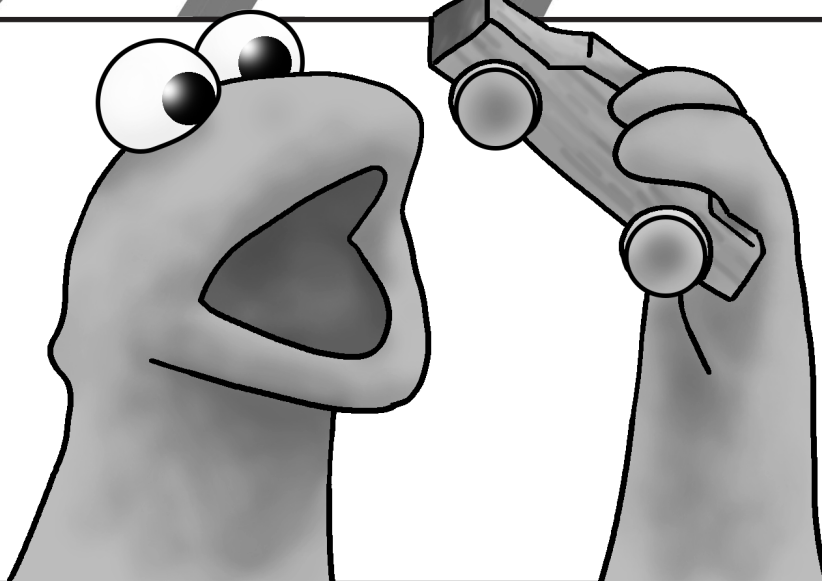
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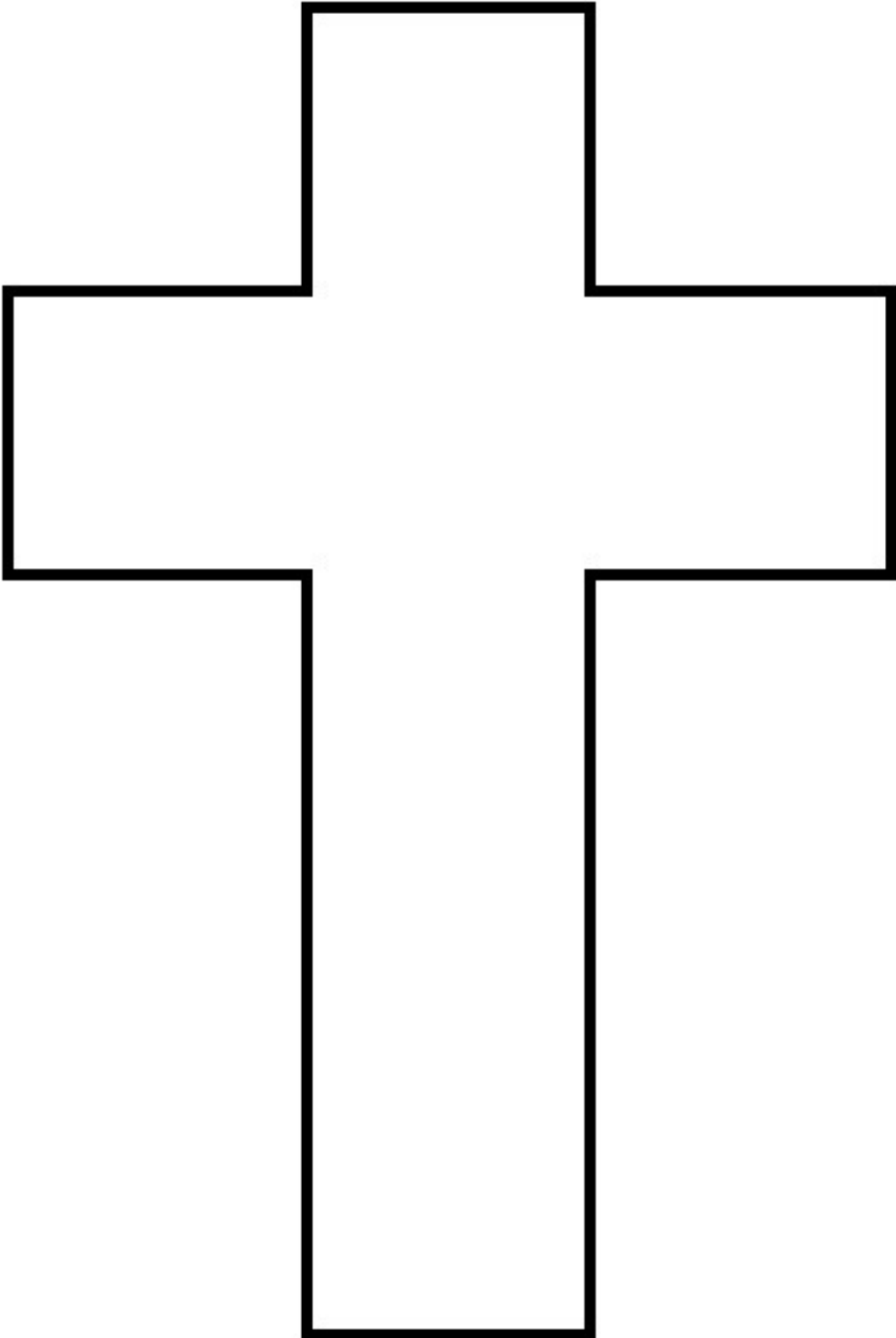
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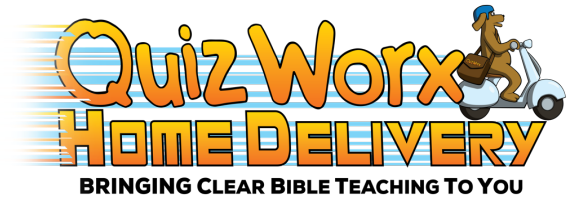
1. Cut out the cross
2. Colour in one side to be messy (scribble as much as you like!), but make sure to leave the other side clean
3. Use the cross to tell the main point of the talk:

Because of what Jesus has done (hold up cross on clear side)
When he died on the cross (turn cross to messy side),
Everyone, whether we have done just a few wrong things,
or heaps and heaps of wrong things (hold up messy side of cross)
Can be accepted by God (turn cross to clear side).





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1. Jesus Purifies Us

The Bible says that when Jesus died on the cross, he took our sin on himself and paid for it all. So now if people repent and accept Jesus as King, they are made clean and pure as if they had done nothing wrong. In this activity, you get to see something that's dirty made clean.

Top tip: This activity involves water, so it's probably best to be outside.

You will need:

- Jar/cup
- Dirt
- spoon/stick
- Jug
- Water
- Appropriate outside location

Instructions:

1. Fill the jar and jug with water. Notice how clear and clean the water is.
2. Tip some dirt into the jar and stir it with the spoon/stick. What has happened to the water? Is it still clean?
3. Now pour the water from the jug into the jar and watch the water overflow (keep pouring until the dirt is gone). What happens to the dirty water?

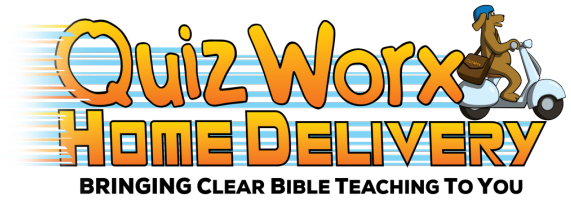
2. Vanilla Cross Snap Biscuits

Have a go at making these cross shaped biscuits as a reminder that Jesus makes us clean. Both the dough and cooked biscuits are freezer friendly.

Equipment:

- Baking Trays
- Baking Paper
- Wire cooling rack
- Bowl
- Electric Mixer
- Measuring cups/spoons

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Ingredients:

- 185 grams butter softened
- 1 cup caster sugar (220 grams)
- 1 & 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 & 1/2 cups plain flour (375 grams)
- 1 egg
- 1 egg yolk - extra
- Gel icing pens
- Icing sugar

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 180 degrees and line two trays with baking paper.
2. In the bowl of an electric mixer, add the butter, sugar and vanilla and mix until white and fluffy.
3. Add the flour, egg and extra egg yolk and beat together to form a smooth dough (if using a mixer, use dough hook attachment, otherwise keep it on a slow setting if you don't have one).
4. Lightly knead the dough and wrap in glad wrap and pop in the fridge for 30 minutes - or if freezing, wrap in glad wrap and pop into the freezer.
5. Roll out dough (thickness of 5mm) between two sheets of baking paper. Cut out cookies in the shape of a cross and put onto baking trays lined with baking paper.
6. Bake in the oven for 10-12 minutes or until golden at the edges. Allow the biscuits to cool on the tray for 10 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.
7. Use the icing sugar to create a plain white icing (adding water). Decorate some of the biscuits to be 'dirty,' using gel icing pens to 'scribble' on them. Decorate others with white icing to represent us being made clean by Jesus.
8. Eat them!

Notes:

- It's important to chill the dough as this helps the biscuits to keep their shape.
- You can freeze both the uncooked dough and the cooked biscuits.

Adaptation of recipe by Matheson, L. *Quick and Easy - Vanilla Snap Biscuits*. Create Bake Make, 17 June 2020, <https://createbakemake.com/quick-and-easy-vanilla-snap-biscuits/>.