

"This craft has a lot of meaning behind it. This cross it made up of fingerprints. The message today is about the cross. The Christian message is simple: "All have sinned..." Romans 3:23. "While we were...sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:3. We were born into the world as sinners. We can do nothing on our own to become good enough to earn salvation from a holy God. We need a savior who loves us so much that he would go through an agonizing death on the cross and become the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. His death replaced the Jewish blood sacrifice system originally established by God. This system was a foreshadowing of what would happen to the unblemished "Lamb of God" on the cross. As each child puts their unique fingerprint on the cross, I want them to see that Christ died for them."

Materials Needed:

Paper plate

Acrylic craft paint or an ink pad

Cross printout

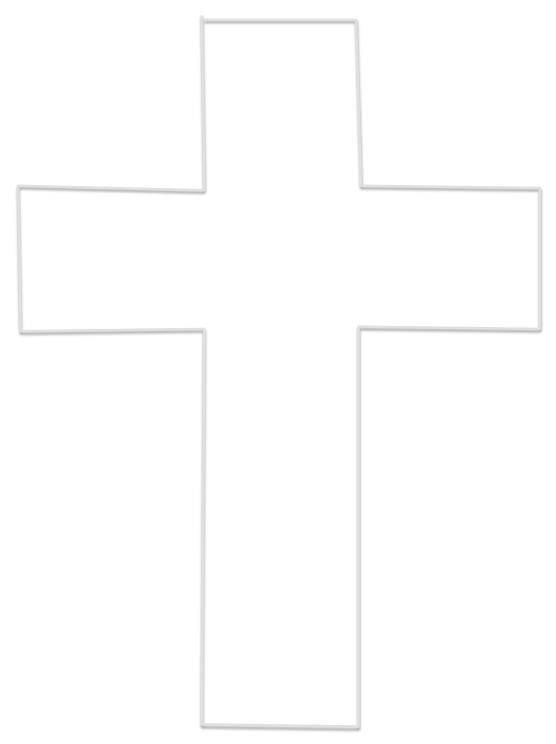
Directions:

Place small amounts of different colored paint on paper plate.

Have child place finger in paint and add their fingerprint to the cross.

As the cross fills up with their fingerprints, remind them that they are uniquely created by God. Jesus died for them because he loves them and wanted to make a way for them to have a relationship with God.

Adapted from "Cross Fingerprint Project" at www.meaningfulmama.com



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