

EASTER CROSSES

An Egyptian tradition that helps explore the Easter Story

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Introduction

What are some of your family Easter traditions (things you do together as a family every year to celebrate Easter)? In my family we hunt for Easter Eggs and then grate them up and put them on toast for breakfast!



Activity

Today, Eva, one of our Family Camp leaders, shares one of her Egyptian Easter traditions - making crosses out of palm leaves (or paper)! You can watch her tutorial on our YouTube channel [HERE](#).



Just before Jesus was put to death, He was welcomed into Jerusalem like a King and the people put palm leaves down on the road for him to ride over. This was their version of rolling out a red carpet! Shortly after that, the people in power decided to kill Jesus because they were scared of him. He was hung on a cross and left to die.

Conversation

What do you know about the Easter story? As you make your own crosses, you could share with your family what you know about the Easter story. You could even read it together from the bible in Mark 15 and 16. You can also go to [this website](#) for the Bible story in animation.

For parents

This activity may open up a whole range of questions about why Jesus had to die. Here is one explanation that could be helpful in your discussions:

God loves us. The Bible is the story of God's big plan to rescue and make perfect his world. Jesus, God's Son, was at the centre of God's rescue plan. Jesus was perfect, He had never done anything wrong. We are not perfect, and do wrong things all the time. We choose to follow our own way and not God's way. But God loves us and wants to help us. That's why Jesus came. Jesus died on the cross to forgive us and to pay for every sin or wrong thing that we have done. He made a way for God to see us as perfect and to have a friendship with Him. When we ask God to forgive us and accept us one of his followers he always says 'yes'.