



Mini-Mess

SUNDAY

March 29

5th Sunday of Lent

LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-"BRINGING HOME THE MESS"

THE CROSS HAS BECOME CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH CHRISTIANITY, WHERE IT REMINDS US OF THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS. THE CROSS ALSO SYMBOLIZES GOD'S SELF-SACRIFICING LOVE (AGAPE). THE VERTICAL ↑ AND HORIZONTAL ↔ AXIS OF THE CROSS ALSO REPRESENT THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT TEACHINGS OF JESUS: THAT ONE SHOULD LOVE GOD (REPRESENTED BY THE VERTICAL ↑ DIMENSION OF THE CROSS) AND ONE'S NEIGHBOR (REPRESENTED BY THE HORIZONTAL ↔ DIMENSION).

FOIL CROSS PROJECT

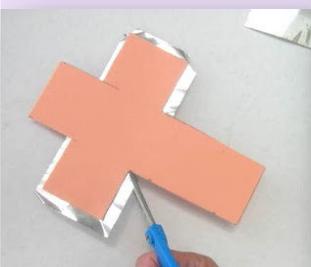
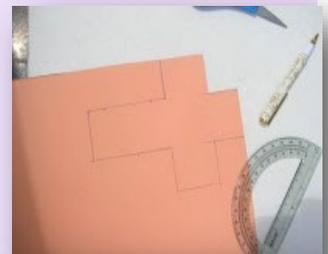
YOU WILL NEED:

FOIL TAPE (SELF-ADHESIVE) FROM A HOME DEPOT OR YOU CAN USE HEAVY ALUMINUM FOIL
SCISSORS
BALL POINT PEN
PROTRACTOR OR RULER
CRAFT FOAM

1-TAKE A PIECE OF THAT CRAFT FOAM THAT EVERYONE HAS LYING AROUND AND CUT A CROSS OUT OF IT. MAKE IT ABOUT 2 INCHES IN WIDTH SINCE THE FOIL TAPE IS 2 1/2 INCHES ACROSS. THE ONE PICTURED ABOVE IS 5 X 7, BUT YOU COULD VARY THE SIZE.

2-IF USING THE FOIL TAPE: CUT TWO PIECES OF FOIL TAPE, ONE 5 1/2, AND ONE 7 1/2 INCHES. IF USING ALUMINUM FOIL: USING FOIL, WE COVERED THE CROSS BUT KEPT THE FOIL REALLY FLAT AND SMOOTH.

3-SNIP DIAGONALLY INTO EACH INSIDE CORNER AND CUT A 'V' FROM EACH OUTSIDE CORNER, AS ILLUSTRATED. FOLD IN ALL SIDES TO THE BACK.





4-AT THIS POINT, THE CREATIVE PART BEGINS. START OUT BY MAKING A PRACTICE RUN ON SCRAP PAPER. ALL KINDS OF DESIGNS WORK: SWIRLS, SCROLLS, DOTS, LINES, FLOURISHES, ETC.

5-USING THIS PREDETERMINED DESIGN, CAREFULLY START DRAWING ON THE FOIL CROSS. USE MODERATE PRESSURE TO MAKE THE IMPRESSION, BUT TRY NOT TO PRESS TOO HARD BECAUSE IT MAY PUNCTURE THE FOIL.

6-START ON THE EDGE TO MAKE A SPECIFIC BORDER, OR START IN THE CENTER AND DRAW OUT FROM THERE. CHOOSE WHAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU.



**CLICK ON THIS PICTURE TO WATCH
"THE DONKEY NO ONE COULD RIDE"**



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THE LEGEND OF THE DONKEY'S CROSS

THE STORY IS TOLD THAT THE LITTLE DONKEY THAT HAD BEEN JESUS' MOUNT ON PALM SUNDAY, FOLLOWED HIS GENTLE MASTER TO THE HILL OF CALVARY.

SEEING THE TRAGIC EVENT OCCURRING THERE HE WISHED WITH ALL HIS HEART THAT HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO CARRY THE CROSS FOR JESUS, AS HE WAS THE PROPER ONE TO CARRY HEAVY BURDENS. GRIEF-STRICKEN BY THE SIGHT OF JESUS ON THE CROSS THE DONKEY TURNED AWAY, BUT HE COULD NOT LEAVE BECAUSE OF HIS LOVE FOR JESUS AND STAYED UNTIL ALL WAS OVER.

IT WAS THEN THAT THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS FELL UPON THE SHOULDERS AND BACK OF THE LITTLE DONKEY, AND THERE IT HAS REMAINED FOREVERMORE, A TRIBUTE TO THE LOYALTY AND LOVE OF THE HUMBLEST OF GOD'S CREATURES.



DIPPED PRETZEL CROSSES



1-PREPARED TWO PRETZEL RODS FOR EACH CROSS, BREAKING ONE, TO MAKE A SHORTER CROSS BEAM.

2-MELT

VANILLA FLAVORED ALMOND BARK OR WHITE CHOCOLATE CHIPS IN THE MICROWAVE, 2-3 MINUTE



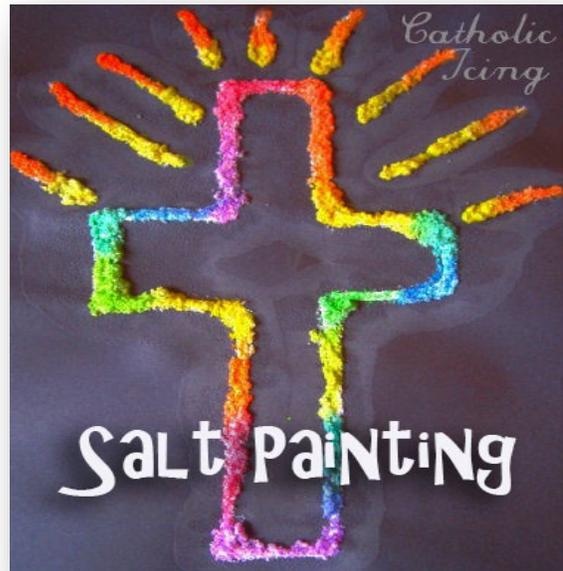
UNTIL MELTED.



3-POURED THE MELTED ALMOND BARK/CHOCOLATE INTO A MUG, TO MAKE IT A LITTLE EASIER TO DIP THE PRETZELS INTO.

4- DIP THE LONG ONES FIRST... WITH THE SHORT PRETZELS GOING ACROSS ON TOP...

5-FOLLOWED BY A TAP OR TWO WORTH OF CANDY SPRINKLES, BEFORE THE CANDY COATING HAD A CHANCE TO HARDEN BACK UP.



THIS CRAFT CAN BE DONE WITH ALL AGES- FROM PRESCHOOLERS THROUGH ADULTS! (YES, EVEN I HAD A LOT OF FUN MAKING THIS ONE!) YOU PROBABLY ALREADY HAVE THE SUPPLIES YOU NEED LAYING AROUND YOUR HOUSE.

SUPPLIES NEEDED TO MAKE SALT PAINTINGS WITH KIDS:

- + BLACK CONSTRUCTION PAPER
- + WHITE GLUE
- + SALT
- + WATERCOLOR PAINTS
- + PAINT BRUSH

1-START BY "DRAWING" YOUR PICTURE ON YOUR BLACK PAPER WITH THE WHITE GLUE. (KEEP THIS TO SIMPLE OUTLINES. IT DOESN'T WORK WELL WHEN YOU FILL BIG CHUNKS OF THE PAPER IN WITH GLUE.)

2-NEXT, SPRINKLE SALT ALL OVER THE GLUE.

3-THEN POUR OFF THE EXCESS SALT. SALT IS SO CHEAP THAT WE JUST DUMPED OURS IN THE TRASH, BUT YOU COULD CERTAINLY POUR IT ONTO THE NEXT PICTURE FOR THE NEXT CHILD. YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANT TO POUR IT BACK INTO YOUR SALT CONTAINER FOR EATING. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE GLUE TO DRY BEFORE PAINTING! WE STARTED PAINTING IMMEDIATELY, AND IT WAS JUST FINE.

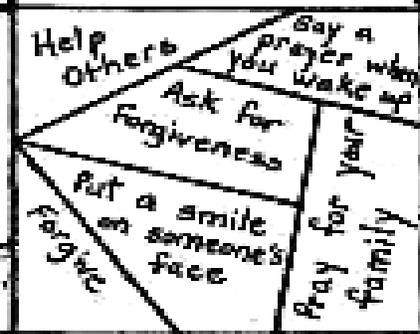
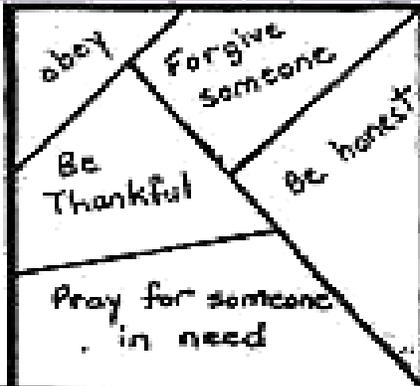
4-NOW COMES THE FUN PART!!! START PAINTING WITH THE WATERCOLOR PAINTS. BECAUSE THE SALT IS SO ABSORBENT, YOU JUST TOUCH YOUR PAINTBRUSH TO THE SALT AND THE COLOR SPREADS LIKE MAGIC! ENCOURAGE THE CHILDREN TO JUST TOUCH THEIR PAINTBRUSHES TO THE SALT AND LET IT SPREAD. YOU HAVE TO BE GENTLE SO AS NOT TO DISTURB THE WET GLUE UNDER THE SALT.

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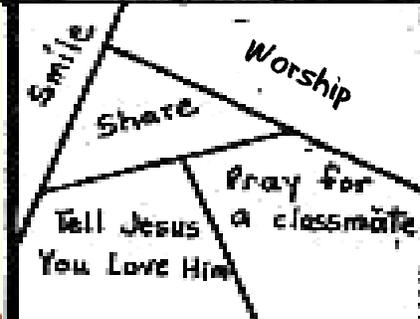
LENT ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN:
EACH DAY KIDS CHOOSE ONE
WAY TO SHOW LOVE, AND
COLOR IN THAT AREA TO MAKE A
STAINED WINDOW BY THE TIME
EASTER ARRIVES!

TO WATCH THE MESSY CHURCH
LORD'S PRAYER WITH MOTIONS,
CLICK ON ANY OF THE LORD'S
PRAYER BOXES BELOW TO VIEW.

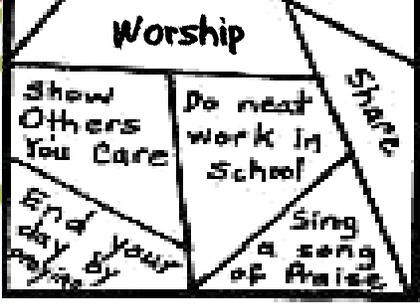
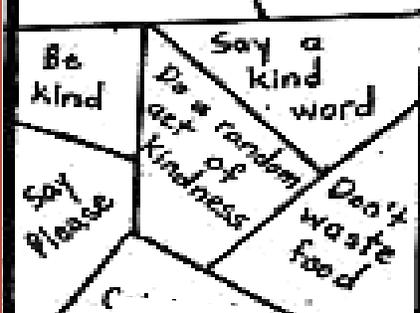
COPY THE MOTIONS AS YOU
PRAY THE PRAYER!



OUR FATHER
IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED
BE YOUR NAME.



LEAD US
NOT INTO
TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US
FROM EVIL.



"I am with you always"