

HOLY WEEK EDITION



Mini-Mess

SUNDAY

April 5

Palm Sunday

LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"BRINGING HOME THE MESS"

HOSANNA!

HURRY! HE'S COMING! THE MESSIAH'S HERE! THE CHILDREN WERE SHOUTING TO EACH OTHER. WORD HAD TRAVELED FAST THAT JESUS WAS COMING TO JERUSALEM. THE PEOPLE SHOUTED "HOSANNA!"

THE WORD MEANS "SAVE NOW!" THAT'S WHAT THEY EXPECTED JESUS TO DO. HOSANNA WAS A JOYFUL SHOUT THAT CAME FROM PSALM 118:25.

PALM SUNDAY FILMS



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LUKE 19:40: "AND HE ANSWERED AND SAID, 'I TELL YOU, IF THESE BECOME SILENT, THE STONES WILL CRY OUT!'"

AN OFTEN OVERLOOKED PART OF THE PALM SUNDAY STORY IS WHEN THE PHARISEES APPROACHED JESUS. THEY INSISTED THAT JESUS REPRIMAND THE PEOPLE FROM EXPRESSING THEIR PRAISES FOR HIM AS HE ENTERS JERUSALEM. IT'S ALMOST AS THOUGH THE PRAISES THAT NATURE WANTED TO SING OUT WERE BEING VENTED THROUGH THE VOICES OF THE PEOPLE. IF THOSE PEOPLE WERE FORBIDDEN TO PRAISE THE SON OF GOD, THEN THE ROCKS WOULD ABSOLUTELY BURST AS THEIR PRAISES BUILT UP.

PAINT YOUR OWN ROCK PEOPLE

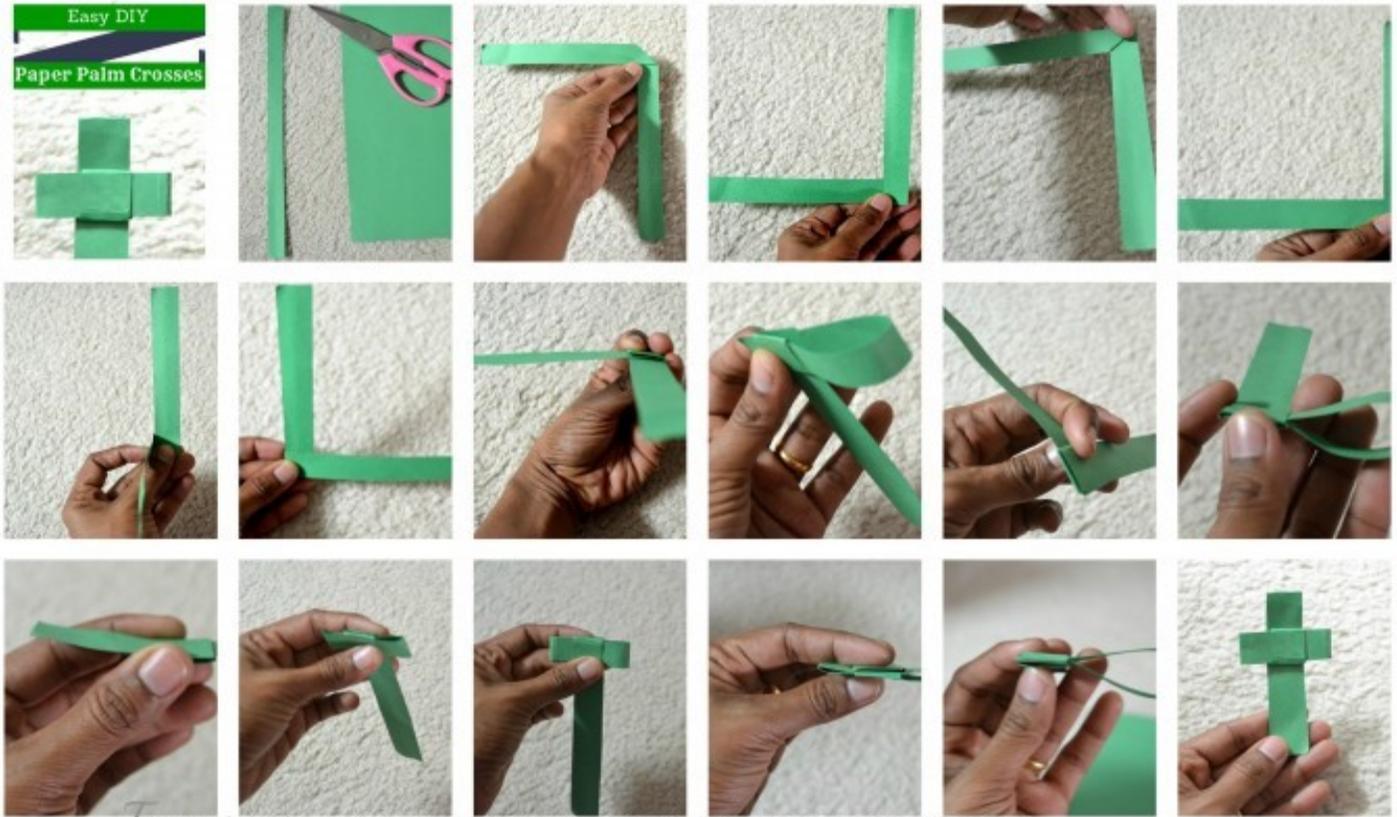
MATERIALS: FLAT ROCKS, BEIGE AND WHITE ACRYLIC PAINT, PAINT BRUSH, BLACK MARKER, YARN OF DIFFERENT COLORS, HOT GLUE.

STEP 1: GATHER A FEW ROUND FLAT STONES. **STEP 2:** GIVE THEM 2 OR 3 COATS OF BEIGE PAINT. **STEP 3:** USE WHITE PAINT AND BLACK MARKER TO DRAW EYES, NOSE, MOUTH AND EYEBROWS. **STEP 4:** MAKE HAIR OUT OF YARN AND GLUE IT TO THE STONES.



FOLD A "PALM" CROSS

ON PALM SUNDAY MANY CHURCHES PASS OUT PALM LEAVES, THEY ARE WAVED IN VICTORY AND KEPT IN HOMES AS A DAILY REMINDER OF THE VICTORY OF CHRIST. ONE WAY PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN MORE MEANING TO THE PALM LEAF IS TO FORM IT INTO THE SHAPE OF A CROSS. THIS SYMBOLIZES THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF CHRIST WAS HIS SACRIFICE.



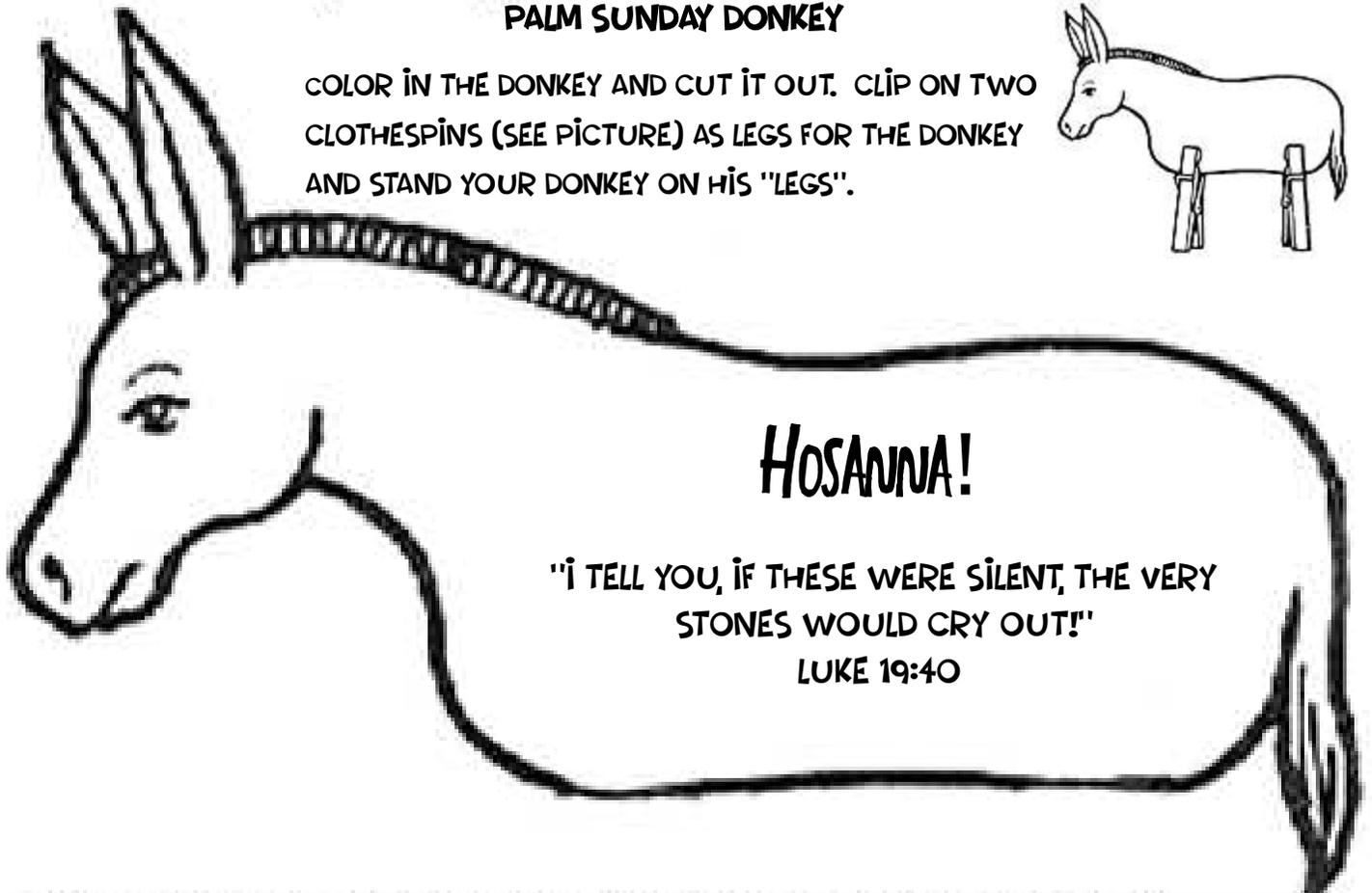
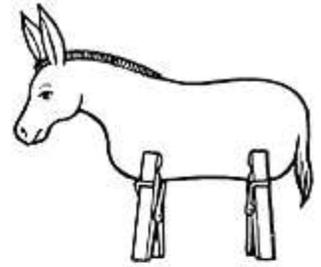
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INSTRUCTIONS

1. CUT A LONG STRIP OF CARDSTOCK/CRAFT PAPER, APPROXIMATELY 0.5-1 IN WIDTH AND CLOSE TO 12 OR MORE IN LENGTH.
2. TAKE THE STRIP AND FOLD IT IN THE MIDDLE TO FORM AN INVERTED RIGHT ANGLE/ AN UPSIDE DOWN L.
3. NOW TAKE THE VERTICAL STRIP AND FOLD THAT UP.
4. TURN THAT REVERSE L OVER TO FORM A 7 AND THEN FOLD THE VERTICAL END OVER AGAIN.
5. THEN TAKE THE HORIZONTAL END AND FOLD IT OVER.
6. NOW WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE BACK YOU WILL NOTICE YOU HAVE MADE A SMALL SQUARE POCKET OF SORTS.
7. TAKE THE HORIZONTAL ARM AND SLIDE IT THROUGH THE POCKET FROM THE BACK, ALL THE WAY TO THE END AND GENTLY TUG AT IT TO ENSURE IT'S FIRM.
8. NOW SLIDE HALF THE HORIZONTAL END TO FORM ONE ARM OF THE CROSS.
9. TAKE THE OTHER END AND FOLD IT IN TO FORM THE SECOND ARM OF THE CROSS. (MAKE SURE BOTH ARMS ARE OF EQUAL LENGTH)
10. NOW TURN THE CROSS OVER AND TAKE THE VERTICAL END OF THE CROSS AND GENTLY SLIP IT THROUGH THE POCKET SLIT FROM THE BACK. LEAVE AS MUCH OF IT ON TOP AS YOU WOULD LIKE AND ADJUST THE REMAINING THROUGH THE SLIT TO FORM THE FOOT OF THE CROSS.
11. AND THERE YOU HAVE IT, YOUR PAPER PALM CROSS IS READY!

PALM SUNDAY DONKEY

COLOR IN THE DONKEY AND CUT IT OUT. CLIP ON TWO CLOTHESPINS (SEE PICTURE) AS LEGS FOR THE DONKEY AND STAND YOUR DONKEY ON HIS "LEGS".



HOSANNA!

"I TELL YOU, IF THESE WERE SILENT, THE VERY STONES WOULD CRY OUT!"

LUKE 19:40

MAUNDY THURSDAY FILMS



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THE WORD "MAUNDY" COMES TO US AS AN ANGLO-FRENCH WORD DERIVED FROM THE LATIN "MANDATUM," WHICH MEANS "COMMANDMENT." IT REFERS TO WHEN JESUS, IN THE UPPER ROOM DURING THE LAST SUPPER, SAID TO THE DISCIPLES: "A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE YOU, THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER: EVEN AS I HAVE LOVED YOU, THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.



INGREDIENTS NEEDED FOR UNLEAVENED BREAD: MAKES ABOUT 12 PIECES.
NOTE- THIS IS NOT MEANT TO BE ACTUAL COMMUNION BREAD, JUST A FUN RECIPE TO TRY AT HOME WITH YOUR KIDS.

1 CUP COLD WATER

8 TBS HONEY

3 TBS SOFTENED BUTTER

5 CUPS FLOUR (WE USED WHITE)

2 TBS VEGETABLE OIL

1 1/2 TSP SALT

1 EGG

RECIPE FOR UNLEAVENED BREAD:



1-PREHEAT OVEN TO 400 DEGREES F. MIX ALL INGREDIENTS EXCEPT FOR THE FLOUR.

2-SLOWLY ADD THE FLOUR. KNEAD UNTIL THE BREAD IS ELASTIC.

3-OIL YOUR HANDS, THEN SHAPE BALLS OF THE DOUGH IN THE SAME WAY THAT YOU SHAPE HAMBURGER PATTIES. OURS WERE ALSO ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS HAMBURGER PATTIES. THEN POKE HOLES IN THEM WITH A FORK.

4-GREASE THE PAN, AND PLACE THE BREAD ON IT.

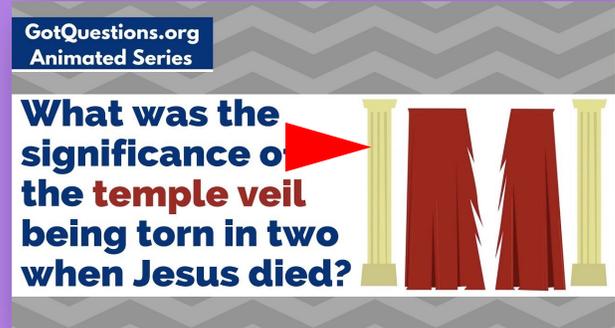
5-BAKE AT 400 DEGREES F FOR 10-12 MINUTES, OR UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN AROUND THE EDGE.



GOOD FRIDAY FILMS



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MAKE A PAPER CROWN OF THORNS!

MATERIALS:

BROWN PAPER (I USED A 12 X 18 INCH SHEET TO MAKE THE ONE SHOWN)

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STAPLER

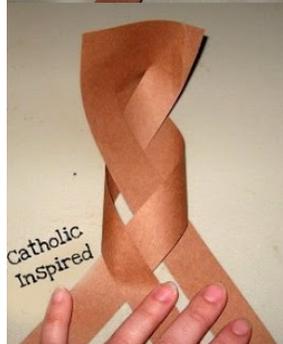


1-CUT ONE OF THE SECTIONS INTO THREE PARTS BUT LEAVE THEM TOGETHER ON ONE END.



2-NOW BRAID IT!

HAVE YOU EVER BRAIDED HAIR? IF SO THIS WILL BE EASY! IF YOU ARE NEW TO BRAIDING YOU MIGHT WANT TO TRY IT WITH STRING OR HAIR FIRST. PAPER BRAIDING CAN BE A BIT TRICKY. YOU ALWAYS USE ONE OF THE SIDE STRIPS TO CROSS OVER THE MIDDLE ONE AND THE MIDDLE STRIP ALWAYS CHANGES. ALWAYS SWITCH THE STRIP THAT YOU USE TO CROSS THE CENTER ONE. FIRST THE RIGHT STRIP CROSSES THE CENTER ONE, THEN LEFT STRIP CROSSES THE NEW CENTER ONE, WHICH IS ACTUALLY THE STRIP THAT WAS ON THE RIGHT. NOW THE RIGHT STRIP, WHICH WAS THE CENTER STRIP IN THE FIRST STEP, CROSSES THE CENTER AND SO ON....



WHEN BRAIDING PAPER:

FLIP THE STRIPS OF PAPER AS IT CROSSES THE CENTER STRIP. (THE TOP OF THE STRIP IS NOW THE BOTTOM)

-AS SHOWN IN THE PICTURES. (DON'T FLIP THE FIRST TWO TIMES YOU CROSS THE CENTER STRIP - BECAUSE IT DOESN'T WORK!) IF YOU DON'T FLIP THE THIRD STRIP AND THOSE AFTER IT, THE PAPER WILL JUST CURL UP AS YOU BRAID AND THAT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO MANAGE. ALSO, MAKE SURE THAT YOU DON'T TRY TO MAKE THE BRAID TIGHT OR THE PAPER WILL RIP.



3-STAPLE THE ENDS. MAKE AS MANY AS YOU NEED TO GET THE SIZE CROWN THAT YOU WANT. NOW STAPLE THE END OF ONE TO THE END OF ANOTHER.

4-STAPLE THEM TOGETHER TO MAKE A CIRCLE

5-SNIP SMALL "THORNS" IN THE EDGE OF THE BRAIDED STRIPS. COVER THE ENTIRE BRAIDED WREATH WITH THESE POINTS. YOU MAY NEED TO CURL THE THORNS OUT SO YOU CAN BETTER SEE THEM.

THE BRAIDING MAY TAKE A LITTLE BIT TO FIGURE OUT, BUT ONCE YOU CAN BRAID PAPER THIS PROJECT IS EASY!!

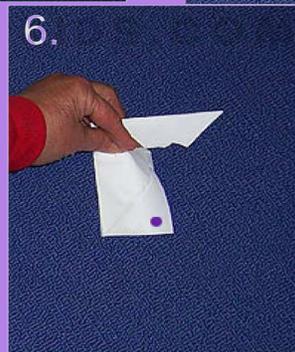
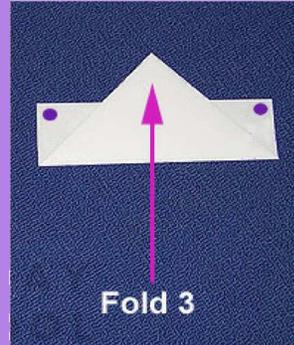
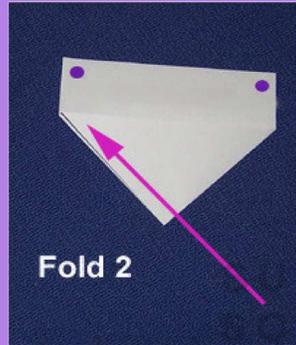
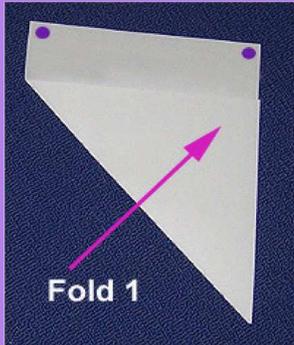
MAGIC CROSS ACTIVITY

MATTHEW 27: 32-61, MARK 15: 21-32, LUKE 23: 26-43, JOHN 18: 16-27



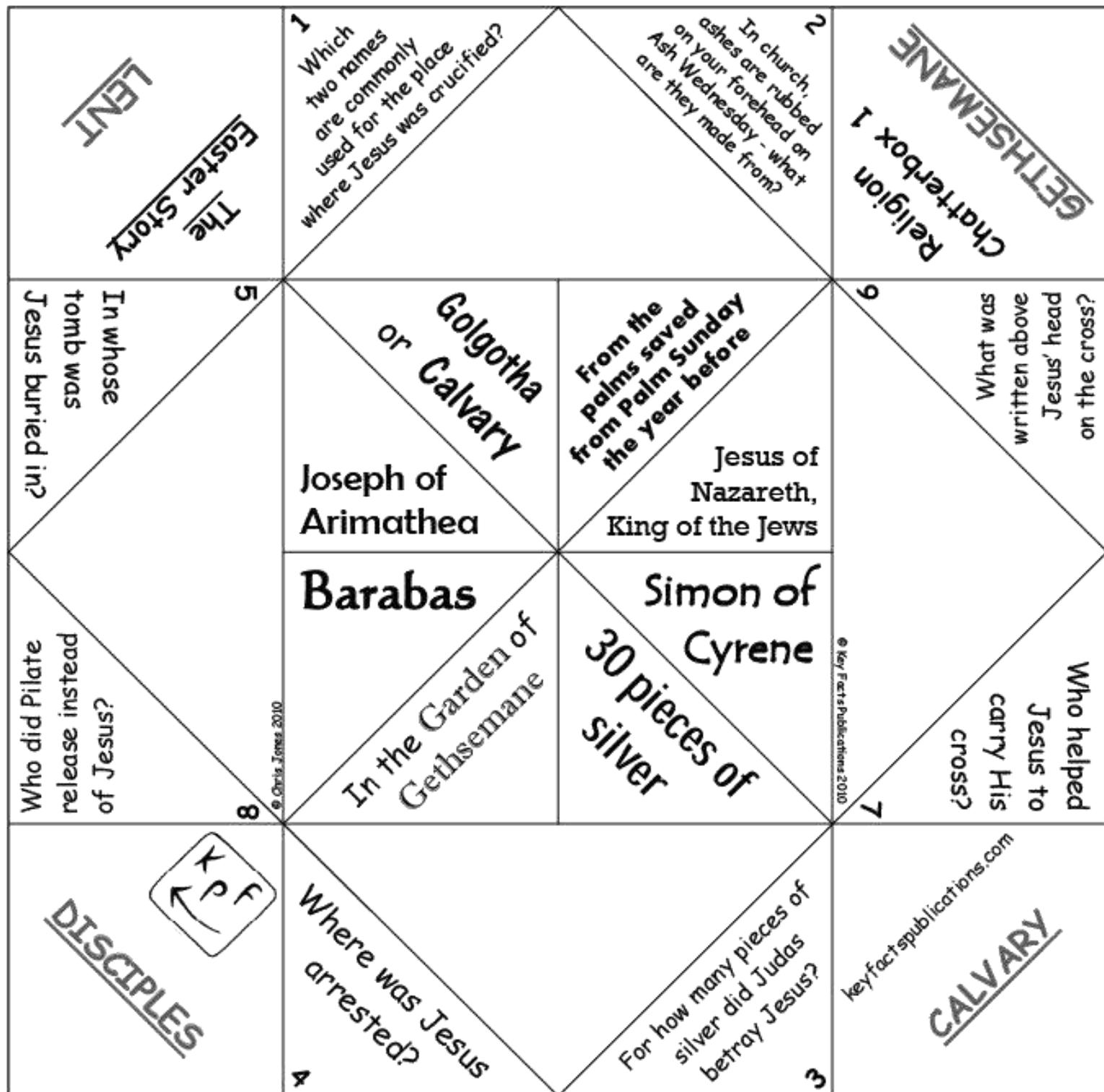
MATERIALS: 8 1/2 BY 11 PIECE OF PAPER

THE PHOTOS BELOW HAVE DOTS DRAWN ON THE PAPER ONLY AS REFERENCE TO SHOW YOU HOW TO FOLD THE PAPER. IF YOU THINK YOU WILL NEED SOME REFERENCE, PUT A BIG DOT IN EACH OF 2 CORNERS OF THE PAPER WHERE SHOWN. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE DOTS AT ALL TIMES DURING FOLDING. DOTS WILL 'DISAPPEAR' OR REALLY BE DISCARDED IN THE END.



1. ORIENT THE PAPER WITH THE DOTS AT THE "TOP" IF YOU MADE DOTS, BUT DOTS ARE NOT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE CROSS IF YOU LEAVE THE PAPER IN PLACE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS. FOLD THE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF THE PAPER DIAGONALLY UNTIL THE BOTTOM OF THE PAPER MEETS THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE PAPER.
2. TAKE THE BOTTOM RIGHT POINTED CORNER AND FOLD IT TO MEET THE UPPER LEFT CORNER OF THE FIRST FOLD.
3. BRING UP THE BOTTOM POINT OF THE PAPER AND FOLD OVER WHERE THE OTHER FOLDS ENDED.
4. PICK UP THE PAPER AND FLIP IT OVER, SIDEWAYS. YOU WILL NOT SEE YOUR DOTS. THEY WILL BE FACE-DOWN. FOLD IT SIDEWAYS IN HALF. YOU WILL SEE YOUR DOT AGAIN IF YOU USED DOTS.
5. VISUALIZE ABOUT AN INCH FROM THE FOLD. YOU WILL TEAR THROUGH ALL THE LAYERS DOWN THE IMAGINARY LINE. FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN: YOU MAY WANT TO DRAW A LIGHT LINE FOR TEARING 1 INCH FROM THE FOLD. IT MAY BE A LITTLE MORE DIFFICULT FOR VERY YOUNG CHILDREN TO TEAR THROUGH ALL THE LAYERS, SO TEACHER HELP TO START IT MAY BE NECESSARY. TEAR SLOWLY IN LITTLE BITS.
6. EVEN IF THE TEAR IS RAGGED, THAT'S OK. JESUS CROSS WAS ROUGH WOOD! NOTE, THE FARTHER AWAY FROM THE FOLD THAT YOU TEAR, THE FATTER THE CROSS WILL BE.
7. DISCARD THE PIECES WITH THE DOT. OPEN THE MAIN PIECE AND YOU HAVE THE CROSS!

THERE IS NO REAL MAGIC! THIS IS A TRICK. ONLY JESUS DID TRUE MIRACLES. DEATH ON THE CROSS WAS A VERY CRUEL DEATH. JESUS SUFFERED. THE CROSS TODAY REMINDS US OF HIS SUFFERING FOR US, AND BY EXTENSION, THE PROMISE OF NEW LIFE IN CHRIST AFTER DEATH AND ALL HE TAUGHT US.



Instructions for Making the Religion Chatterbox

1. Cut out the square Chatterbox.
2. Fold and unfold the Chatterbox, along all four lines of symmetry. The creases will form a 'star' in the centre of the sheet.
3. Place on a flat surface, the blank side facing up. Fold each corner into the centre of the 'star'.
4. Turn the Chatterbox over. Fold each corner into the centre of the 'star'.
5. Fold the Chatterbox in half - so facing outwards, are four square flaps.
6. Insert your thumbs and index fingers under the flaps. As you pinch your fingers together, the Chatterbox will take shape.



Easter Story Cards

Idea → Print out two copies of this sheet. Cut out the cards and back them with card (so each looks the same on the back). Lay cards face down. Take it in turns to turn over 2 cards until all are matched!

