

3. The Names of Jesus pattern contains 14 gray dots outlining a cross. Carefully push 1 clear push pin straight down through each gray dot. After the push pins are in place, leave them alone so they won't loosen their grip on the cardboard.
4. Stretch 1 loom band horizontally around the top left and top right push pins.
5. Continue adding loom bands horizontally to the corresponding push pins all the way down.
6. Now add loom bands to form the outline of the cross.
7. Add 2 vertical loom bands to form a square in the center of the cross.
8. Notice that your cross consists of 6 loom band squares. Now take the remaining loom bands and stretch them diagonally to form an "X" within each square, finishing your cross.

Tip Corner

- As an alternative to zippered baggies for each child, simply place push pins and loom bands in bowls on each table.
- A scroll saw or band saw works well for cutting corrugated cardboard (adults only).

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Criss-Cross (V.2)

PRE-PRIMARIES & TODDLERS

Materials

- Corrugated cardboard, one 4½x6-inch piece per child
- Cross pattern (Resource DVD-ROM)
- White card stock, 1 sheet for every 2 children
- Black or brown yarn, 9 feet per child

Tools and Basic Supplies

- Office paper cutter *OR* utility knife and straight edge (adults only)
- Scissors
- Transparent or masking tape
- Glue sticks
- Neon highlighters

Pre-Prep

1. Using a paper cutter, or utility knife and straight edge (adults only), cut cardboard into 4½x6-inch pieces, 1 per child.
2. Photocopy the Cross pattern onto white card stock and cut out one per child.
3. Cut the yarn so each child will have one 5-foot long piece and one 4-foot long piece.

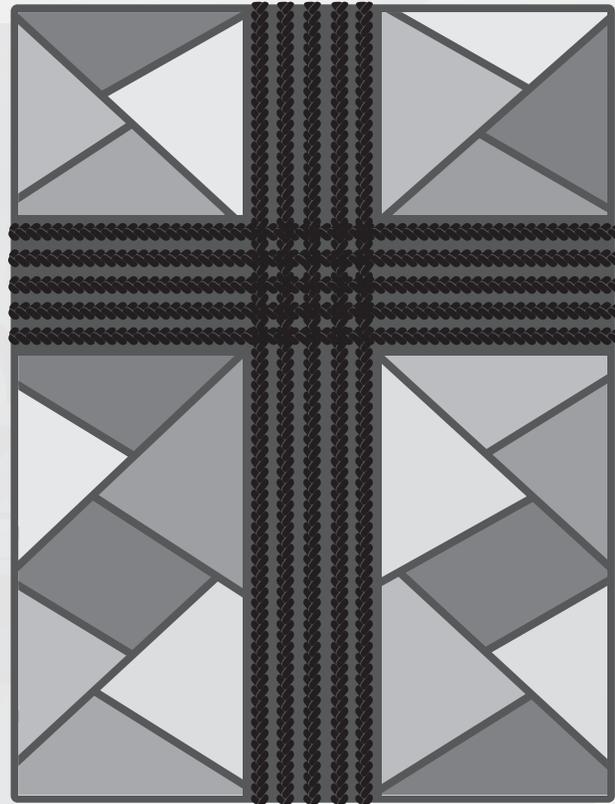
Teaching Tie-In

Show the sample craft and say:

What shape is on our craft today? Take responses. **Yes, it's a cross!** What does a cross have to do with Jesus? Take responses. **Aren't you so thankful Jesus loved you so much he came and even died on the cross to take your sins away?**

Class Time Directions

1. Color the stained glass portion of the Cross pattern.
2. Glue the colored Cross pattern to the cardboard.
3. Take the longer piece of yarn and tape one end to the center of the back of the cardboard. Next, wrap the yarn vertically around the cardboard and over



the vertical cross piece 5 times. Then tape the end to the back of the cardboard.

4. Repeat the same process with the shorter piece of yarn, but this time over the horizontal cross piece.

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