

The Crucifixion at Golgotha

Matthew 27

Make a picture of the crosses at Golgotha to help us remember the Lord's victory over evil. He let Himself be crucified, resisted the hells, and then rose again on Easter morning.

Materials needed

large piece of white or light gray construction paper
wax crayons or oil pastels - use colors like gray, blue, purple, olive green, brown, and black
black or brown construction paper to make 3 crosses
scissors
glue
a text slip with the words: This is Jesus King of the Jews (Matthew 27:37)
Optional: a larger piece of construction paper for mounting the finished drawing.

Procedure

1. Color a background on the white (or gray) paper using dark and dreary colors. The background should suggest darkness because the Word tells us that "there was darkness over all the land" at the time of the crucifixion even though it was daytime. (See Matthew 27:45) So feel free to make the sky dark and perhaps some dark clouds in the sky.
2. Make 3 crosses from black or brown construction paper. Either draw crosses on the paper and cut them out or cut a longer strip and a shorter strip to make each cross. Make the cross for the Lord larger than the two crosses for the robbers who were crucified with him.
 - a. Suggested size strips if using a large piece of paper (11 inches by 17 inches)
 - i. Robbers' crosses: 2 strips 7" and 2 strips 3"
 - ii. For Jesus's cross: 1 strip 9" and 1 strip 4"
3. Put the large cross in the center of the page to draw attention to its importance.
4. Now put one of the smaller crosses to the left of the larger cross for Jesus and put the other on the right side. "Then two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and another on the left" (Matthew 27:38).
5. The suggestion is not drawing figures on the crosses so that we can focus on the Lord's victory over evil rather than His pain and suffering. Instead, emphasize the cross as a sign of the Lord's victory over evil. Evil has no power against the Lord's goodness. Evil people may have thought they killed the Lord, but He rose again on Easter.
6. Write these words on a text slip or directly on the picture:

This is Jesus the King of the Jews (Matthew 27:37)

7. *Optional:* Mount the finished picture on a large piece of black construction paper.

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