

Family Lesson – The Crucifixion (Mark 15)

Level 2 – Ascension Picture

When the Lord Was Crucified

Make a wax-resist picture to show how the world went black when the Lord was crucified and then rejoiced when He rose on Easter morning! The first step will be making the picture using wax crayons or oil pastels. The next step will be putting a wash of yellow and black paint over it. The wax drawing will show through the watercolor.

Materials needed

- white paper
- colored paper for mounting (optional)
- wax crayons or oil pastels
- black and yellow watercolor paints, brush, and water

Directions

1. Place the piece of paper vertically. With a light-colored crayon, draw a hill on the bottom of the page. Press *heavily* with the crayons so the drawing will show up well through the watercolors.
2. On the top of the hill, draw 3 crosses.
3. In the sky, draw many flowers and bright colors. Add some butterflies, birds, rainbows—anything that looks like heaven.
4. To show the world turning black, take the black paint and mix with a little water. Use the paintbrush to lightly wash this watery black over the bottom half of the picture. The crayon and water will not mix, so the drawing will gradually show through the paint!
5. To show the brightness of the Lord rising on Easter morning, rinse the paintbrush and change the water. Now, using the yellow paint, mix with a little water and lightly wash the yellow down from the top of the page. This will show the darkness of the Crucifixion merging and changing to the light of heaven.
6. Leave the picture flat to dry. After it dries, you can press the picture under a pile of books to flatten it.
7. Optional: Mount the picture on the colored background piece of paper and display it.

