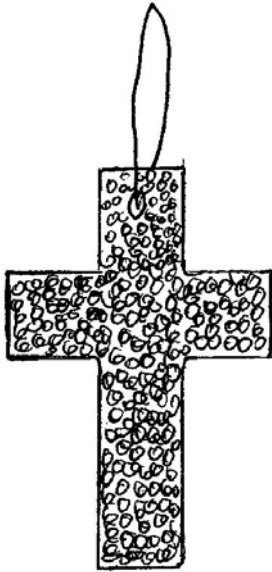


Lent 2: God is always close

Date: 8th March, 2009

Reading: Mark 8: 31-38

Beaded Cross 1



You will need:

- ♦ cross template
- ♦ black card
- ♦ coloured beads (small seed beads)
- ♦ craft glue
- ♦ scissors, hole punch
- ♦ thread for hanging loop

What to do:

Preparation:

- ♦ Make a template of the sized cross you want to make.
- ♦ Cut lengths of hanging thread approx 20cm long.

Method:

- ♦ Use the template to cut a cross out of the black card.
- ♦ Punch a hole in the top of the cross, thread the hanging thread through and tie to make a loop.
- ♦ Cover the cross with glue, then sprinkle beads over the surface till the whole cross is covered.
- ♦ Allow to dry.
- ♦ Turn cross over and repeat on the other side. Allow to dry.
- ♦ You can use multi-coloured beads or single coloured beads, depending on the effect you want.

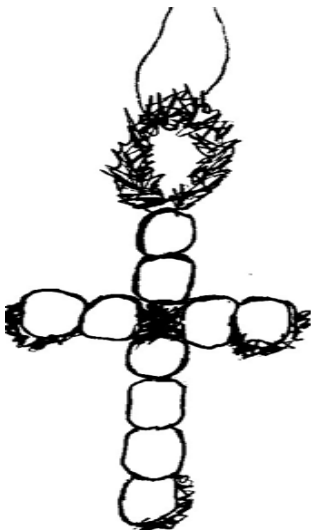
This could also be done with glitter for smaller children.

Good Friday Alternative:

Forget the beads, simply glue a sprig of rosemary for remembrance onto the black cardboard cross.

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Beaded Cross 2



You will need:

- ♦ 10x 7mm or 8mm beads
- ♦ 1x 10cm piece of chenille stick
- ♦ 1x 20cm piece of chenille stick
- ♦ 1 length of gold or silver yarn

What to do:

- ♦ Thread one bead onto the long chenille stick, leaving a short piece which can be folded back around the bead to hold it in place.
- ♦ Thread three more beads onto the long stick and push down firmly against each other.
- ♦ Thread one bead onto the short stick and secure by folding back around the bead, then add a second bead.

You can vary the size of this cross by using bigger beads and correspondingly longer chenille sticks.

- ♦ Holding the two sticks together in the shape of a cross, twist the short stick once around the long one.
- ♦ Thread two more beads onto the rest of the short stick, and secure by folding back around the last bead. This forms the arms of the cross.
- ♦ Thread the last two beads onto the long stick to make the top of the cross.
- ♦ With the remaining part of the long stick, make a small loop, twist to secure, then cut off excess.
- ♦ Thread gold or silver yarn through the loop and tie to make a necklace.

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