

Good Friday Finger Puppet Song

Five Brown Buns

an idea for the Good Friday story

- Ask, what special food do we eat on Good Friday (hot cross buns).
- Introduce the hot cross bun finger puppets and teach the song with the new words.
- Then get the children to sing it all the way through with you, putting a different child's name in each new verse, until all the "buns" have been taken. (Don't forget to collect them up again at the end of the song!)

Five brown buns in the baker's shop, Round and fat with a cross on the top; Along came _____ with a dollar one day, Bought a hot cross bun and took it away.

Four brown buns etc ...

Basic bun

Easter Playgroup Idea

For use in Kids' Clubs or Scripture classes where the children have little or no knowledge of the Easter story.

Introduce the Good Friday story with a slightly different version of a familiar finger play song. Add to the song by making 5 simple finger puppet hot cross buns.

At the end of the song, (after retrieving the buns) ask the children if they know why we eat hot cross buns on Good Friday, then tell the Good Friday story from a simple version of the Bible (e.g. *The Beginner's Bible*) or a picture story book, or tell it in your own words with a picture or two if possible.

If you aren't having a follow up session where you can tell the end of the story, (Jesus coming back to life) include the basics of the Easter Sunday story as well, so that the children don't think that Good Friday is all there is to it.

At the end of the story, bring out some real hot cross buns, and give them each a piece, asking them as you do so what they will remember when they eat their hot cross buns at home this Easter.

> This is aimed at children with little or no knowledge of the real meaning of Easter. It starts with something with which they are familiar, and gives them a new understanding of it, and provides a tangible experience of Easter on which to build in future.

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