

Art Extra

The Day Jesus Died

"Sunset Cross" Watercolor Paintings

Kids make a watercolor painting to remind them that God's love is stronger than death.

Spark Resources:

- None

Supplies:

- Newspaper
- Watercolor or other heavy white paper
- Spray bottle with water
- Watercolor paints
- Paintbrushes
- Small containers for water
- Paper towels
- Black construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue

Set-up:

Cover the worktable with newspaper. Set out the watercolor paints, brushes, and small containers of water.

Instructions:

The cross is a symbol of God's love and of Jesus' death. On the day Jesus died, the people were very sad and afraid. But now we know the truth about Jesus' death. We know that Jesus really lives forever because God's love is stronger than death! Our art project today can be a visual reminder of God's super-strong love for each of us.

1. Pass out watercolor paper and paints, then show kids how to spray their paper with the water in the spray bottle.
2. **Use the watercolors to paint a sunset design—the wet paper will make the colors run and the picture will really look like a sunset!**
3. Invite kids to paint. If any water appears to pool on the paper when the kids are through, show them how to gently blot it with a paper so it will dry quickly.
4. While paint is drying, have kids cut out a cross from black construction paper to add to their sunset picture.
5. Invite kids to glue the crosses to their paintings, then glue the entire piece to a larger piece of black construction paper to frame it.

Look at the wonderful paintings you created. Hang your painting somewhere special at home and remember that God's love is stronger than death.