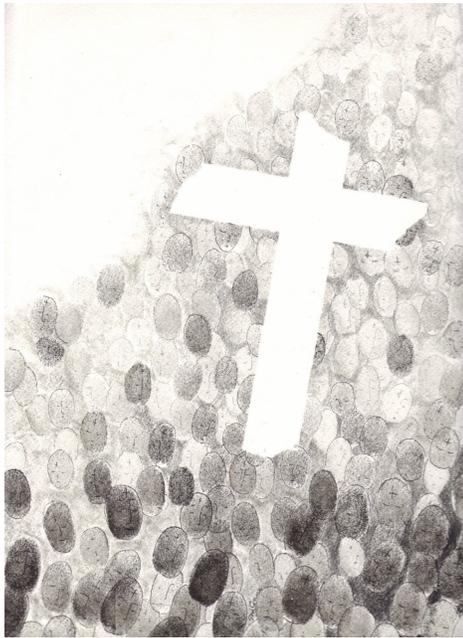


# Good Friday/Easter Fingerprint Cross artwork

from S.M. CONNER - A CREATIVE LIFE website



## Materials needed

- Printer paper (white)
- Black watercolor paint
- Water
- Masking tape

## Optional Items

- Black ink pen
- Black colored pencil
- Crayons
- Watercolor paint - other colors
- Texture items

This project can be done in a variety of ways- have fun experimenting with different media, different values (the lightness/darkness of color), adding details, etc. You might want to have your family work together to create this unique artwork!

You will be creating this artwork with **your fingerprints** -

## **Reflect on the following:**

Jesus went to the cross for us/for our sins; for the things our hands have done or not done.

Why did He do that?

What does it mean for you, that Jesus died for your sins and rose again on the third day?

## **Steps to create your cross artwork**

1. Make a masking tape cross on the paper. Think about how it's placed - it's more interesting if it's not centered in the middle of the page.
2. If you want a colorful background, now is the time to paint. You can paint watercolor paint right over the masking tape cross! Do step 3 only when your paper is completely dry!!
3. Add a little water to the black watercolor paint.
4. Dip a finger into the paint and then press it onto the paper. Do several "stamps" with your finger. These will be lighter in value and the contrast will make your artwork more interesting to look at. Stamp your finger all over your paper or leave some white areas if you'd like. I found that if you let your black watercolor paint get sticky, you can get some good fingerprints! Experiment with the paint/water and placement of dark prints/lighter prints.
5. BE SURE TO STAMP prints around the cross. This will help form the cross on your paper.
6. When your paper is completely dry, carefully pull off the tape!

## Optional

- Add facial details to some of your prints when they are dry. Use a black pen, pencil or sharpie.
- Fill in your cross with details using a black colored pencil OR do texture rubbing on the cross with a black crayon (take the paper off the crayon - place texture item under the paper where the cross is).
- Add words of meaning to the cross using colored pencils, ink pens, crayons, etc.
- Cut your paper to a size that would fit into a frame (8x10, 5x7).

Have fun experimenting and reflecting as you create your unique artwork!

Blessed Easter to you and your family! Feel free to email photos of your finished artwork to [news@cglischool.org](mailto:news@cglischool.org). We'll hang them on our Digital Fridge!

*See examples below*

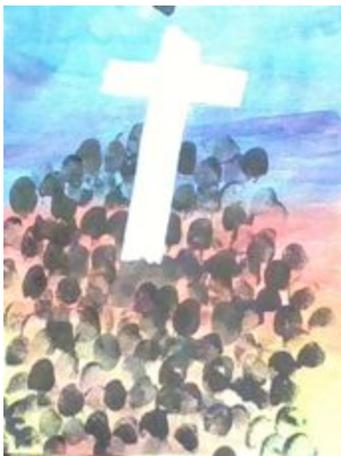
Textured cross



Love in crayon



Watercolor before fingerprints



Grace in crayon, wood details by pencil

