

Children's Page March 5, 2023

Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Wonder: In this time of Lent, when we prepare for Easter, we are thinking about how every day objects remind us of our faith and help us to live as Jesus' disciples better. This week that ordinary object is a cross. Now I don't know about you, but to me the cross is a very churchy object—and yet, when you think about your day to day life—you'll find that you really do encounter crosses everywhere. Whether it's crosses hidden on a tic-tac-toe board, a 4 way stop in the road, or where words overlap in a crossword puzzle—crosses can be found in so many hidden places. And anytime we see a cross, we can think of Jesus and be reminded how important it is to follow Christ's example of love in the world. BUT Paul isn't concerned about where crosses are hidden, as much as Paul is concerned about the message that is hidden IN the cross. While some people in Paul's time thought of the cross as a symbol of weakness and sorrow—Paul wanted the people to know that in the cross we find God's strength, knowledge and love. That makes it the most important of ordinary symbols we encounter each day. And so today, we take these ordinary objects—these wooden crosses and we remember that the message hidden in them is that God is powerful, loving, and we should turn to God and God's word to guide us.

Do: On the next 2 pages are 2 activity sheets—one is a color by number where you have to find something hidden IN the page. The other is a word search where you can find things hidden IN the cross. Both are reminders that in the cross we are met by God's strength and love.

