

5th Grade – February Project

“Burnt Matchstick Cross”

Objective: We remember that Jesus died on the cross to save us from sin and through his Resurrection, we are given the gift of everlasting life.

Materials:

- Cardstock Cross
- Matchsticks – 55 per cross & cut pieces – 2 short; 1 long
- Marker
- Ruler
- White glue
- Ribbon

Directions:

- Have students cut out the cross
- Tape or glue ribbon onto the back of the cross and write name
- Glue the intersection (marked lines in center of the cross) and put the longer stick on the vertical line and the shorter $\frac{1}{4}$ ” sticks horizontal line
- Begin with the 4 slanted corners; apply glue liberally and glue 5 sticks on starting at the center so the middle stick is in the corner where lines intersect and working outward. The other sticks should be lined up (touching) along the vertical and horizontal lines (see drawing)
- Once all 4 corners are done, use 7 matchsticks for the top and sides of the cross. Same thing, start in the center and work outward. The bottoms of the matches should touch the matchsticks that make up the slanted corners
- The bottom of the cross has two rows of matches instead of one

****This project can be messy and should be done at the very beginning of class so it has more time to dry. Make sure to use plenty of glue, especially at the tips of the matchsticks. Cover the tables with newspaper****

