

The Vine: Buds & Blossoms

Children's Ministry @ Ss. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church



What about Legos or blocks?

You could build a cross that lies flat or one that stands up!



Tried origami?

You can find tutorials for origami crosses on YouTube!



What about paint?

You could paint a cross on paper...or a wooden cross from a craft store.

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IN-PERSON

Come to church on **Sept 13** and help make beautiful chalk crosses on the church sidewalk!

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AT HOME

Make or decorate a cross and have your parent take a picture of your creation!

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ON-LINE

Log into GoToMeeting on **Sept 27** to share your creations & learn about cross traditions!

New Options for the New Church Year

It's going to be different...but good!

In the survey sent to parents asking for thoughts on what would be helpful supports for Christian education this year, there was no clear consensus...but interest in a little bit of everything. So here's the proposed pattern:

- A monthly in-person activity centered around a feast or another aspect of the church year (this month, **Sept. 13 @ 11AM**)
- A monthly newsletter with ideas for how you can mark the feast/season of the church year as a family (you're holding it!)
- A monthly online gathering during which we'll do some group activities and kids can share what their families have done (this month, **Sept. 27 @ 11AM**)
- For those families who wish, support for discussion based lessons they can do at-their-own-pace (see below!)

Additionally, during Advent and Great Lent, I will offer an on-line book group for parents; more details on book and time options soon!

—M. Jenny



READ THE SCRIPTURES AS A FAMILY THIS YEAR!

I've chosen and ordered *A Light in the Darkness: Bible Study for Children and Teens* for families who requested an at-their-own-pace option; if you would like to receive it also, let me know!

The overall approach used in this book is exactly how we approach scripture in our Church School: the story is told using the actual scriptural text (available right there in the book); there is a short list of comprehension questions you can use to help children explore the story; and some areas for further possible discussion are laid out. There are lessons for the life of Jesus, Paul's epistles, and Holy Week—plenty to keep you busy all year but in digestible, small chunks!

