

Joyful Catholic Families
Lesson #7
St. Joseph & Stained Glass Cross

“St. Joseph” booklet: [PDF for the St. Joseph booklet](#)

- Read the story to the children.
- Give each child a copy of the booklet and a set of pictures to glue into the booklet.
- Glue in pictures where they belong.
- Color

Building with Blocks:

Give each child blocks and tongue depressors. Let them build for a little while and then ask: What do you think St. Joseph would have built Jesus? Have them build what they name (bed, chair, table, house)

How high can you stack the blocks?

Make Crosses:

When you see a cross, what does it remind you of? (Jesus dying on a cross)
Who did Jesus die for? (You, me, everyone)

Today we are going to make a cross that you can hang in your home to remind you that Jesus died for you. (show the cross)

What happened to Jesus after he died? (He rose from the dead)

- This cross is colorful and bright – cheerful.
- Reminds us of our great joy because Jesus is risen!
- (Show the kids how the cross looks when it is hung in a window.)

Make crosses:

- Go to this [website](#) for instructions on how to make the cross.
 - Note: I’ve included a PDF of a cross pattern that I created. It was just easier for me to use.
- When finished, we punched a hole in the top of the cross and put a string through it so the cross could be hung up.

Stickers:

- Give each child a sticker as they leave.

Supplies:

nametags
permanent markers
prayers for prayer rings
stickers

St. Joseph booklet – large size to read to class
St. Joseph booklet - one for each child
Pictures to glue in booklet (already cut out)
Glue sticks

Blocks (each child had around 20+ blocks)
Tongue depressors (15 per child)

sample cross made out of contact paper and tissue paper
black crosses
contact paper
contact paper with crosses on it
tissue paper cut in squares
scissors
glue sticks
hole punch
string/yarn