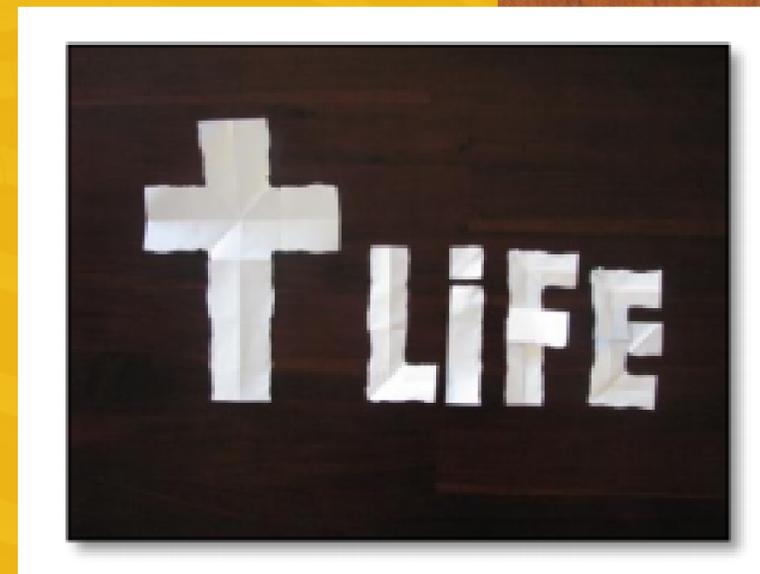


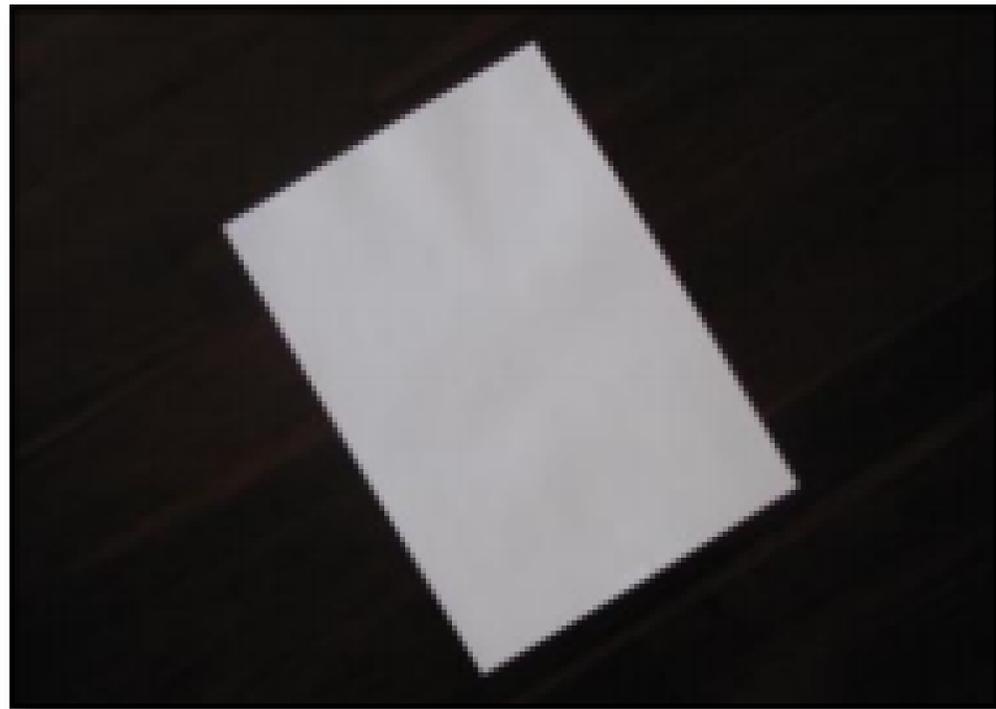
Easter Cross

This is a lovely activity which you can have a go at on your own, or you can gather your family and ask them to do it with you.

If you do it on your own, perhaps you could then show your family this fun way to understand the message of Easter - they will be really impressed!



Easter is a time of hope



1. Start with a sheet of plain white paper. Fold top right corner down.

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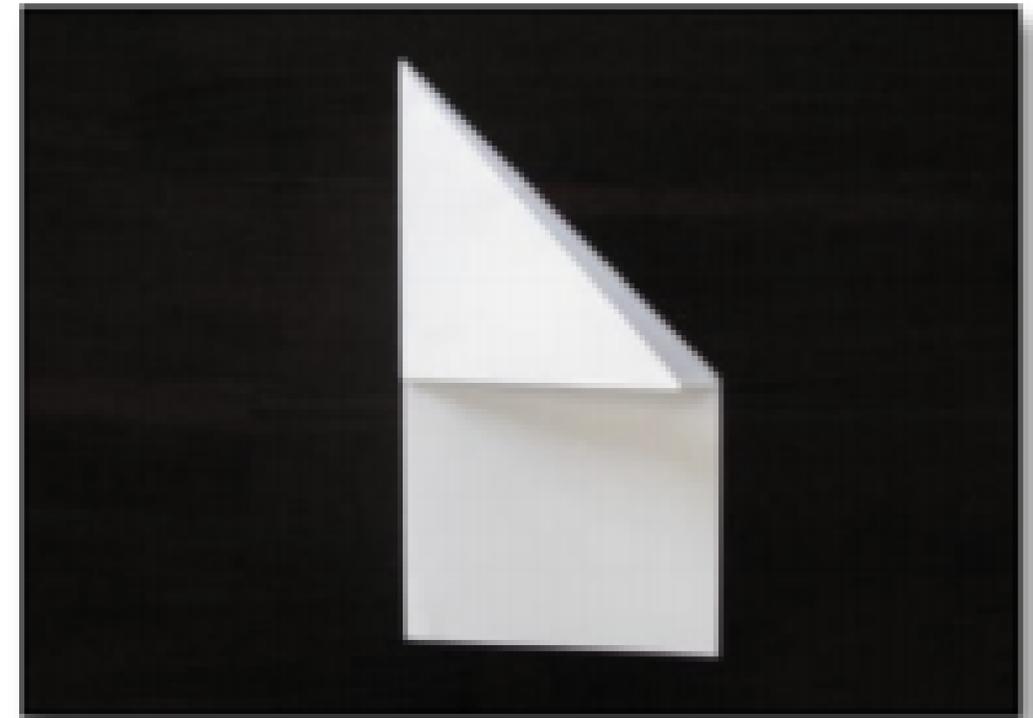
Do you know about Jesus and the story of the cross?
A cross has special meaning for Christians because it reminds of something very sad and something amazing all at the same time.

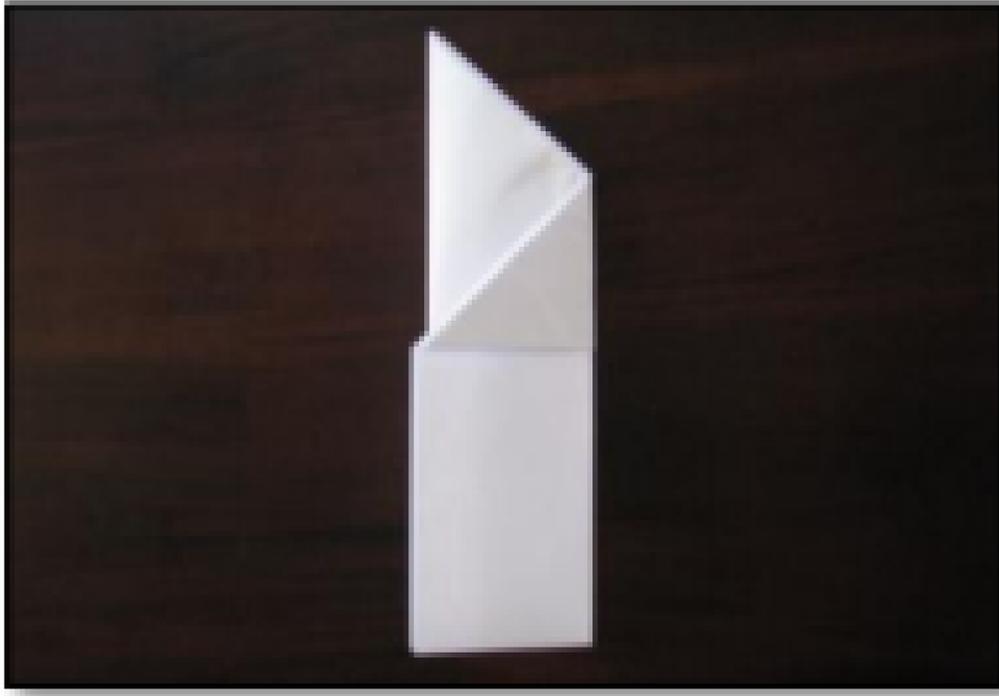
It shows us that God is able to take our very worst, and to transform it into His very best.
The Cross is a symbol of love, of life, and of hope.



3. Fold the top left down.

4. Flip the paper over and fold in half.





**5. Fold in half
again, right to left**

**6. Tear in a
straight line
down the centre.**



Jesus always did good. He taught people how to love God.
He made sick people well.
He worked miracles to help us know just some of God's power.
He taught us about God's love, faithfulness and forgiveness.
Jesus never sinned (*did things that would hurt himself, others or God*).

Even though He had never done anything wrong, Jesus died like a criminal, on a cross. Jesus - God Himself - loved us so much He gave everything for us. He gave His life.

After He died Jesus was taken down off the cross. His body was wrapped in cloths and buried in a tomb.

“Death” was the sad part of the story of the cross (*unfold the cross as you say this*).



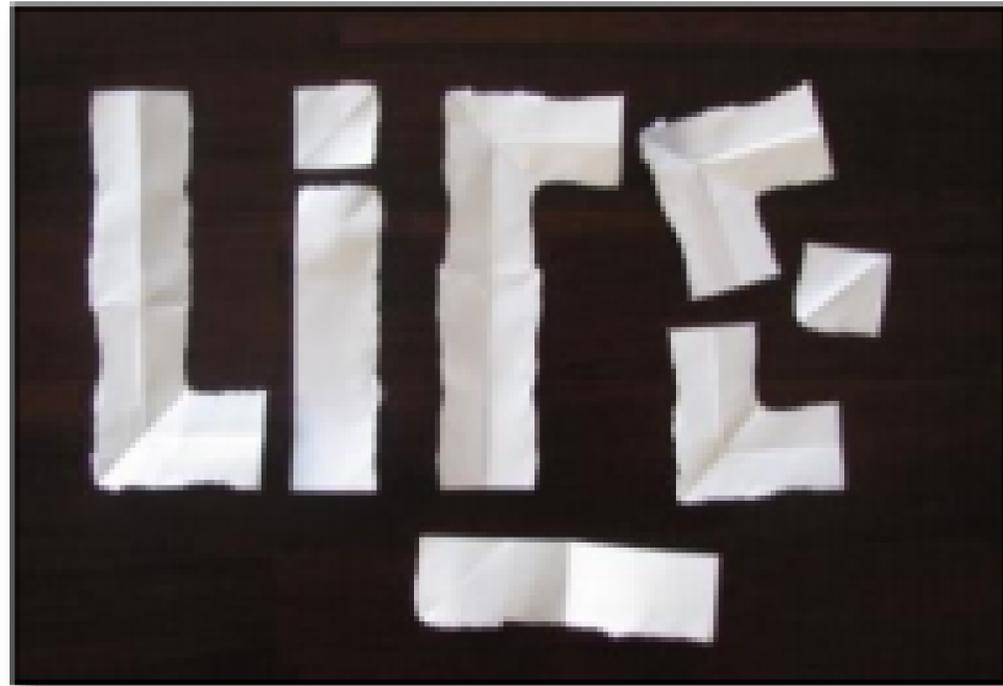
7. Unfold the paper on the left to form a cross.

Now for the AMAZING part...

God doesn't make mistakes, or leave any part of our giving to be wasted....



8. Unfold all the scraps of paper and place together to form the word: LIFE.



On the third day after Jesus died, we know that He rose again!

Easter Sunday is our celebration of Jesus' Resurrection.

The eternal “Life” of Heaven is the amazing part of the story of the cross. *(Form the word “life” as you say this)*

Jesus died on the Cross for you and for me and everyone. Now the Cross is a sign of hope!

The Easter story shows us that death is not the end. God gave us life before we were born, and through Jesus He calls us to life after death, too.

This new life, is the eternal life of Heaven where we can live with God forever.

The story of the Cross
is a story of
love,
new LIFE
and hope.

