

# An Apparition of a Holy Cross

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## Supplies:

- Colored chalk or crayons
- Water
- Painters Tape
- Sturdy paper
- Template (to follow) - *print & cut before class*

## Instructions:

1. If using chalk, soak the chalk in a bowl of water.
2. Use the Painters Tape to create a cross shape on your paper.
3. Using the wet chalk (or crayons), paint/color a colorful design on the paper. Wet chalk has a consistency similar to paint and the colors will appear richer and deeper than dry chalk. Your students will be intrigued when it glides smoothly across the paper leaving a beautiful thick paste.
4. Allow the chalk and paper to dry before gently and very slowly removing the tape to reveal an “apparition of a holy cross!” To avoid tearing, remove the tape very slowly. Give each child a copy of the “Apparition” summary to glue to back.



*Cut apart squares. Each child needs 1 square to glue to the back of their picture.*

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