



Three 'Cheer'ios for Mom! Cross

Your children will enjoy making this easy "Three 'Cheer'ios for Mom!" crosses to present to their mothers for Mother's Day.

SUPPLIES:

- Pipe Cleaners (*2 for each student*)
- Cheerios (*or other similar cereal*)
- *Optional: Notes to attach to cross*



DIRECTIONS:

1. Each crafter will need 2 pipe cleaners. String cheerios on both pipe cleaners, leaving about a 1/2 inch to an inch on both ends without cereal. Take one pipe cleaner and make a loop on one end, twisting the pipe cleaner to itself to create the loop.



2. Bring the other end up and twist it around the pipe cleaner as well forming a circle with the strung cereal. Lay this pipe cleaner to the side.



3. Twist the ends of the second pipe cleaner, forming another circle, leaving a little “wiggle room” within the cereal.



4. Press the pipe cleaner so that the twisted portion is in the “back” and the circle is “pinched” or “flattened” together.



5. Insert this “flattened” pipe cleaner in the middle of the first pipe cleaner. Twist the ends of the second pipe cleaner around the back of the first pipe cleaner.



6. Press the fronts of the two pipe cleaners together, and wiggle the cheerios so that the pipe cleaners sort of lock together, like a puzzle.

7. Optional: Have students attach a Mother’s Day note to the top of cross, such as:

- *My mom is a gift from God!*
- *I thank God for my mom!*
- *I love you, Mom. ‘Cross’ my heart!*