

PAINTING WITH FLOWERS

Age Group: 9-90, especially good for teens:

Mondays nearly every flower shop in the country throws away their old flowers. When asking for these old flowers most florists are very generous. THEN each child gets two or three petals. Crush the petals Between your thumb and first two fingers until you see a small amount of juice. Rub the little ball of crushed flower petals on a white piece of paper. When the child has used up his color give each child a few more petals of a different colored flower until everyone has their paper mostly colored.

Most of the fun is in the doing so the first sheet of paper Is for the JOY of doing. Then let the children **watch** as you make a cross and ask them if they think they could do one like it. If your group LIKES the activity suggest they try Their flower coloring on some of the Bible coloring pages FREE At www.bibleparent.com. (The point is that Bible verses like the ones at this website are one way Jesus Life flows into our hearts and lives.

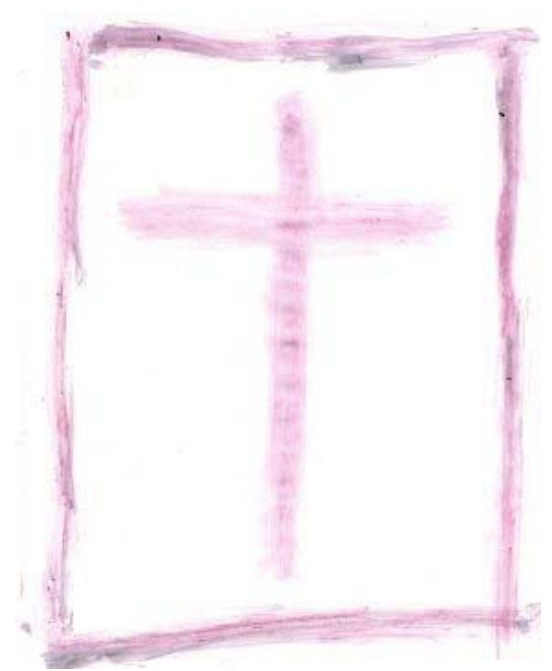
The Bible verse we have chosen for this activity is Isaiah 53:5 “He was crushed (bruised) for our iniquities.

The Bible lesson is that just as the color from the rose Flows onto the paper Christ’s life flows into our souls.

You might lead your child (group) in a **prayer** something

Like this: “Thank you Jesus for your love and for giving us all you had to give. Help us live worthy of that love.” Amen

The hidden lesson to all parents is that children learn quickest by watching us.



This picture of Christ’s Cross was made from three crushed rose petals (the rose was orange) and part of a leaf from a coleus plant.