

QUICK and EASY Cross Crowns

What better way to celebrate the meaning of the Helmet of Salvation than with these Fast, Fun, and Free crowns?

GET YOUR MATERIALS

12" x 18" sheets of yellow construction paper White 3" x 5" index cards (one for each child)
Crayons or markers Tape Glue
Glitter (optional) Stapler, staples

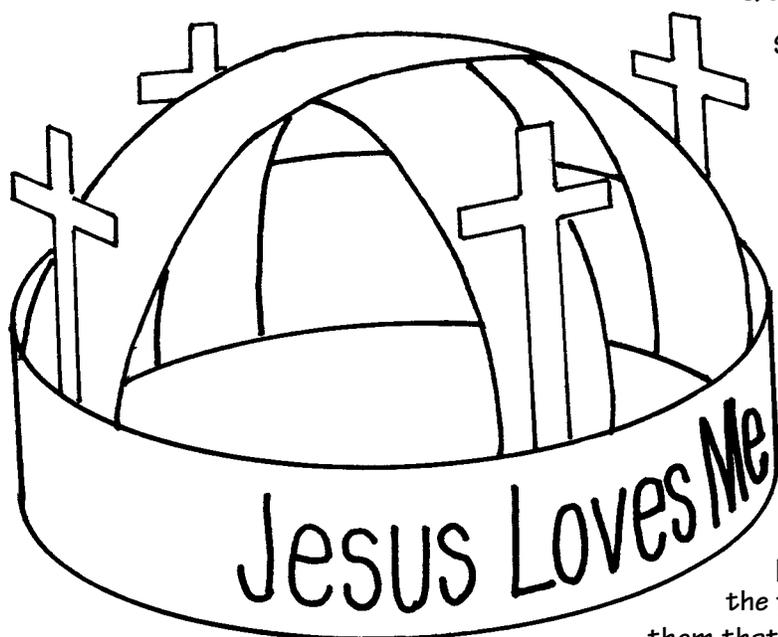
GET READY

Cut 12" x 18" sheets of yellow construction paper into 2" wide strips. Cut at least two or three strips for each child.

Cut the index cards into six ½" strips. Give a set of six strips to each child.

MAKE IT

1. Wrap a strip of construction paper around each child's head, and mark where it should be stapled to fit comfortably.
2. Have kids decorate their crowns with Bible verses or glue and glitter.
3. Show children how to cut two of the six index card strips in half to make the crossarms for the crosses.
4. Glue crossarms to all four crosses, and allow to dry.
5. Glue the crosses inside the crown.
6. Complete the top of the crown by gluing additional strips of construction paper as shown in the diagram.



QUICKCRAFT OPTION

Save time by gluing only one cross to the crown, or three crosses and tell the story of the three crosses from the Bible.

FOR YOUNG KIDS

Pair older and younger kids to work on their crowns.

FUN THINGS TO DO

If you are using teams in sports or other contests, let different teams use different colors for the headband portion of their crowns. They will enjoy the team identification, and you can remind them that the Helmet of Salvation helps identify us as being on God's side.

SWORD Sharpeners

GET YOUR MATERIALS

Cardboard or poster board
Scissors
Aluminum foil
Tacks
Markers
Sword pattern (from “No Limits” Pattern Pages)
Pencils

GET READY

1. Enlarge the pattern of the sword from the “No Limits” Pattern Pages.
2. Trace the enlarged sword pattern onto cardboard or poster board, and cut out the sword shape. If you have a large number of children, make several copies of the pattern out of cardboard; let children trace around them.
3. Have the materials ready for the children to use.

MAKE IT

1. Give each child a piece of cardboard or poster board.
2. Invite children to trace around the cardboard sword pattern on poster board and cut out their sword shape.
3. Ask children to print their names on the handle.
4. Cover the blade section with aluminum foil to make it shiny.

FOR OLDER KIDS

Older kids will enjoy watching their memorization progress. Divide the sword into sections that get larger the closer they are to the point. This will encourage them to memorize all the verses and sharpen the entire sword.

FUN THINGS TO DO

Take pictures of children dressed in their armor, holding their swords and shields. Display pictures on a bulletin board, or post them on your church’s web site.

