

# Lesson 6 Additional Activity

## Materials

### Sign of the Cross Craft

- hot glue gun (for the catechist)
- serrated knife (for the catechist)
- markers or crayons
- white glue



For each child:

- tongue depressors or large craft sticks for the vertical crosspiece
- smaller craft sticks for the horizontal cross bar
- 2" x 3" x 2" green floral foam or Styrofoam®

**Before the lesson:** Hot-glue the tongue depressor and craft stick to make a cross. With a serrated knife, cut the foam piece to a 3" x 3" x 2" rectangle, then cut a small slit into the foam so that the children can mount the cross once it is decorated.



## Exploring

### Sign of the Cross Craft

- Invite the children to decorate the cross and foam piece. Then help them mount the cross by putting a drop of glue into the slit.
- Show the children how to touch the top of the cross, while praying, "In the name of the Father." Then have the children touch the center of the cross while saying, "and of the Son." Finally have the children touch the left and right side of the cross bar while concluding, "and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."



Variation:

- Use a 1" x 6" felt piece to decorate the cross in liturgical colors: green for Ordinary Time, violet for Advent or Lent, white or gold for Easter, and red for Palm Sunday or Pentecost.