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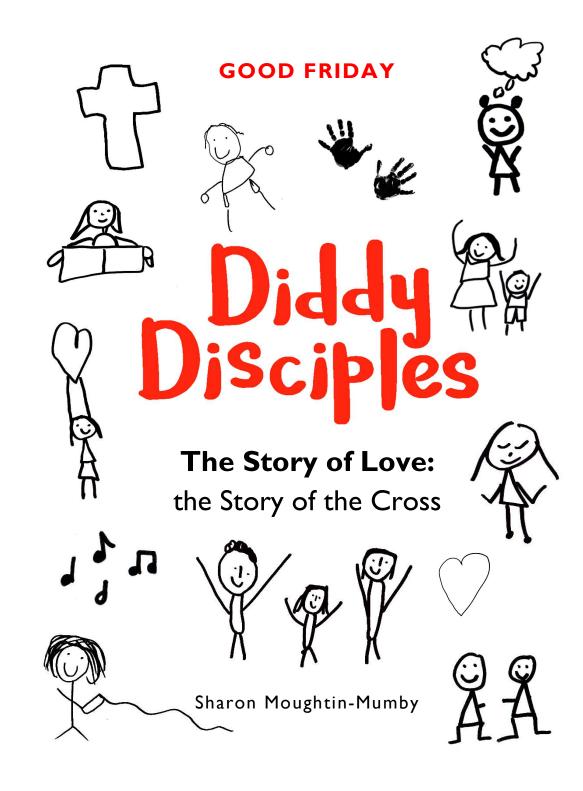
Easter Sunday

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Easter Story

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The Story of Love: The Story of the Cross

Tell the story of Good Friday by yourself or with friends or family at home!

You will need...

- a thick red ribbon
- a picture of Jesus

Lay out the ribbon and place these on it in this order:

- a cup and a small piece of bread
- a small twig of a plant
- a piece of string
- a crown (made from wire or pipe cleaners)
- a cross
- a white piece of cloth or kitchen roll
- a box with a lid that Jesus can fit inside

For photographs of a mini storytelling box laid out for the storytelling and a video of the song see:

www.diddydisciples.org/samples.

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(Not) The End (Ssssh!)

This isn't the end of the story, even though it feels like it.

Because we have a secret:

Love cross arms is stronger fists than Death. Ssssssh!

Sing the 'Love is stronger' song using the same actions.

Love is stronger than Death. Ssssssh!

Love is stronger than Death. Ssssssh!

Love is stronger, love is stronger,

Love is stronger than Death. Ssssssh!

Love cross arms is stronger fists than everything! Arms out

Sing the 'Love is stronger' song using the same actions.

Love is stronger than everything!

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Love is stronger, love is stronger,

Love is stronger than everything!

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To find out what happens next....

Station 7: The Sun Stops Shining

Stay with the cross

Jesus is hanging on the cross.

Suddenly the sun stops shining. The land is as dark as night.

Let's close our eyes and feel the dark. Cover eyes

Everything is dark.

Jesus is completely alone. Even God isn't there.

Jesus shouts: 'My God, My God, why have you left me?'

Love cross arms is stronger fists than darkness Cover eyes

Sing the 'Love is stronger' song using the same actions.

Love is stronger than darkness. Love is stronger than darkness, etc.

Station 8: Jesus is Buried

Jesus dies. It's finished.

Jesus's friends take Jesus's body.

They wrap Jesus in a cloth.

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They take him to a garden

and put his body in a Dark Cave.

Place Jesus in the box (keep the box on its side).

They roll a stone across the Cave shut.

Place the lid on the box

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Introduction

The story of the Cross is the story of Love.

Station 1: Last Supper

Place Jesus next to the bread & cup at one end of the ribbon.

It's the night before Jesus will die.

Jesus shares bread and wine with his friends.

Station 2: Garden of Gethsemane

Move Jesus along the ribbon so that he is next to the plant.

Jesus goes with his friends to a garden.

Jesus is scared about what's going to happen.

Jesus cries. Run your fingers down your face to show tears

Even when Jesus cries, Jesus keeps on loving.

Love cross arms is stronger fists than tears tears

Sing the 'Love is stronger' song using the same actions.

Love is stronger than tears.

Love is stronger than tears.

Love is stronger, love is stronger,

Love is stronger than tears.

Station 3: The Arrest

Move Jesus along the ribbon next to the string

Soldiers come to the garden.

They tie Jesus up. Tie the Jesus figure gently with the string.

They take Jesus away!

Jesus's friends are scared! They hide! Hide face

But Jesus keeps on loving. Cross arms on chest.

Love cross arms is stronger fists than fear hide face

Sing the 'Love is stronger' song using the same actions.

Love is stronger than fear. Love is stronger than fear.

Love is stronger, love is stronger, etc.

Station 4: The Trials

Place Jesus on the box lid.

The soldiers drag Jesus to the leaders.

People tell lies about Jesus. Point at Jesus.

The leaders want to put Jesus on the cross,

even though it's not fair.

Jesus keeps on loving. Cross arms.

Love cross arms is stronger fists than lies Point

Sing the 'Love is stronger' song using the same actions.

Love is stronger than tears, love is stronger than tears, etc.

Station 5: The Bullying

Place Jesus next to the crown of thorns

The soldiers bully Jesus.

They put a crown of thorns on his head.

They hit Jesus and laugh at him.

But Jesus keeps on loving. Cross arms

Love cross arms is stronger fists than bullying Fist in hand

Love cross arms is stronger fists than hate Fist in hand

Sing the 'Love is stronger' song using the same actions.

Love is stronger than hate. Love is stronger than hate, etc.

Station 6: The Crucifixion

Hang Jesus on the cross.

On a hill, they nail Jesus to a cross.

They wait for him to die.

Even on the cross, hurting, Jesus never stops loving.

Jesus says 'Give them a new start!'

Love cross arms is stronger fists than pain.

Touch hands to show nail marks on Jesus's hands

Sing the 'Love is stronger' song using the same actions.

Love is stronger than pain. Love is stronger than pain, etc.

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