



# 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](http://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!**

**Love is stronger than everything!**

**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.**

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## Station 8: Jesus is Buried

Jesus dies. It's finished.

Jesus's friends take Jesus's body.

They wrap Jesus in a cloth.

*Wrap Jesus in the cloth.*

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.

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## 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.

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## 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.**

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### 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.**

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### 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.**

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### 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.**

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### 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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