

Welcome to Diddy Disciples Prayer and Bible Storytelling

My name's Sharon and I'm the author of Diddy Disciples.

Today is Good Friday.

It's time to tell the story of the cross.

The story of Love.

So find a space where you can sit down on the floor and move around a bit.

I'm going to sing as you find a space.

Here in our home now, Jesus is here with us

Here in this room now, Jesus is here with us

Here as we sing together, Je-e-sus is here with us

To laugh with us, to cry with us, to love with us right here.

To tell our story, we need to learn a song called 'Love is stronger'.

Let's cross our arms on our chest to show the sign of love.

The sign of love is a cross.

Because the story of the Cross is the story of love.

So whenever we sing Love, we're going to cross our arms on our chest.

Love is stronger than everything.

Can you say that and

Cross your arms on your chest for love

Then clench your fists in a strong sign when you say stronger!

'Love is stronger than everything!'

Whenever you sing Love is stronger in our song, those are our actions.

Crossed arms for Love, then a strong clenched fists sign for stronger.

You can take a look at the video next to this track if you're not sure.

And those are the words to our song!

Let's learn it my turn your turn.

Love is stronger than everything

Love is stronger than everything

Can you have a go at singing that?

Love is stronger than everything

Love is stronger than everything

Then we sing:

**Love is stronger Love is stronger
Love is stronger than everything**

Let's sing that altogether:

**Love is stronger than everything
Love is stronger than everything
Love is stronger than everything
Love is stronger Love is stronger
Love is stronger than everything**

We're ready to tell our story.

If you like, you could use the powerpoint presentation

On our website to help you tell the story

Or you could pause now to lay out the objects suggested yourself in your home.

Or you could use the amazing imagination God has given you!

We start with Station 1: The Garden

Jesus goes with his friends to a garden.

Jesus is scared about what's going to happen.

Jesus cries

Can you show tears running down your face with your fingers?

Let's show Jesus crying. *Tears action.*

Even when Jesus cries, *Tears action.*

Jesus keeps on loving.

Let's cross our arms on our chest.

Love is stronger than tears

Let's remember our actions for Love is Stronger.

Love is stronger than tears Let's add our action for tears at the end as we sing.

clench fists gently than tears

Love *crossed arms* **is stronger** *clench fists gently* **than tears** *Tears action*

Love *crossed arms* **is stronger** *clench fists gently* **than tears** *Tears action*

Love *crossed arms* **is stronger** *clench fists,* **love** *crossed arms* **is stronger** *Clench fists*

Love *crossed arms* **is stronger** *clench fists gently* **than tears** *Tears action*

Station 2: Jesus is tied up

Soldiers come to the garden.

They tie Jesus up.

They take Jesus away!

Jesus's friends are scared!

They hide!

Let's hide behind our hands like Jesus's friends the disciples.

But Jesus keeps on loving.

Let's cross our arms on our chest.

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently hiding* than 'fear' *hiding action*
'Fear' is when we're frightened!

Let's add our hiding action for fear to our Love is Stronger actions as we sing.

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than **fear** *hiding action*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than **fear** *hiding action*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists*, **love** *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than **fear** *hiding action*

Station 3: Jesus stands before the leaders

The soldiers drag Jesus to the leaders.

People tell lies about Jesus.

Let's imagine Jesus is standing there.

Let's point at Jesus to show we're telling lies about him.

The leaders want to put Jesus on the cross,
even though it's not fair. *Shake heads*.

The people lie about Jesus

but Jesus keeps on loving.

Let's cross our arms on our chest.

Slowly: Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than lies *Point at the Jesus figure*

Let's add our pointing action for lies to our Love is Stronger actions as we sing.

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than **lies** *Point at the Jesus figure*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than **lies** *Point at the Jesus figure*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists*, **love** *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than **lies** *Point at the Jesus figure*

Station 4: 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 crossed arms is stronger clench fists gently than 'pain' Touch wounds
'Pain' is hurting.

Let's touch the marks on our hands
where Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Let's add our nails action for pain to our Love is Stronger actions as we sing.

Slowly: Love crossed arms is stronger clench fists gently than pain Touch wounds

Lead the group in singing:

Love *crossed arms is stronger clench fists gently than pain Touch wounds*

Love *crossed arms is stronger clench fists gently than pain Touch wounds*

Love *crossed arms is stronger clench fists, love crossed arms is stronger clench fists*

Love *crossed arms is stronger clench fists gently than pain Touch wounds*

Station 5: Jesus is Buried

Jesus dies. It's finished.
Jesus's friends take Jesus's body.
They wrap Jesus in a cloth.
They take him to a garden
and put his body in a Dark Cave.
They roll a stone across the Cave shut.

If you're using your own objects to tell the story,
it's time to put Jesus in the box and close the lid.

This isn't the end of the story,
even though it feels like it.
Because let me tell you a secret.

Whisper: Sssssssh! Listen!

Slowly with a loud whisper,
Love crossed arms is stronger clench fists gently than Death finger to lips. Ssssssh!

Can you whisper that and put your finger to your lips and add Sssssh to our Love is stronger actions

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than Death *finger to lips*. Sssssh!

Let's sing that together

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than Death *finger to lips*. Sssssh!

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than Death *finger to lips*. Sssssh!

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists*, love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than Death *finger to lips*. Sssssh!

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than EVERYTHING! *throw arms out wide*

Let's sing that!

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than everything! *throw arms out wide*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than everything! *throw arms out wide*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists*, love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than everything! *throw arms out wide*

It's time for us to go.

But remember, this isn't the end of the story.

Come back on Easter Day or go to a church online

to find out just how strong *clench fists gently* Love is!

And remember: you should never keep a secret from your important adult!

So, if you can talk,

make sure you whisper our secret in their ear today!

And maybe you can whisper it down the phone to other people, too!

Either: Let's finish by singing our secret one more time.

Lead the group in singing in a whisper. End each line as indicated with a spoken 'Sssssh!'

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than Death *Finger on lips* Sssssh!

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than Death *Finger on lips* Sssssh!

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists*, love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists*

Love *crossed arms* is stronger *clench fists gently* than Death *Finger on lips* Sssssh!

It's time to go.

Let's ask God to help us show love today

On this day of the Cross, the day of love.

First let's wiggle our fingers!
Let's ask God to help us show love and serve with our hands today!
Let's keep wiggling our fingers as we sing!

My hands were made for love!
My hands were made for love!
Help me to show love today!
My hands were made for love!

Now let's wiggle our feet!
Let's ask God to help us to help us show love and serve with our feet today!
Let's keep wiggling our feet as we sing!

My feet were made for love!
My feet were made for love!
Help me to show love today!
My feet were made for love!

Let's put our hands gently on our chest
Let's sing 'Ahhh!'

Ahhhhh!

Can you feel your voice vibrating and dancing?
Let's ask God to help us to help us show love e with our voice today!
Let's keep our hand on our chest to feel our voice dance as we sing!

My voice was made for love!
My voice was made for love!
Help me to show love today!
My voice was made for love!

I wonder what you'll do with this day that God has given you?!
I wonder how you'll show love today in your family?
Like Jesus showed love on the cross.

It's time to end our time of worship.
And remember come back tomorrow for our storytelling on Holy Saturday.
The day when Jesus is in the Dark Cave with the stone rolled shut.

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