

Stations of the Cross Grottos

1. Lay out 12 popsicle sticks together in a row. Apply glue to four sticks and place them perpendicularly to hold them together. Let dry a bit.
2. Add another stick horizontally to the top, going across the four. This will make a hanger so you can hang them on the wall if you wish.
3. Glue roof pieces (tongue blades cut to four inches) together at an angle, squaring up the edges. Let dry a bit.
4. Flip over your flat board you made in step one. Cut out the pictures, removing the label and leaving a white margin. Center picture left to right; vertically, the picture should be placed so the bottom of the colored picture is about one popsicle stick width from the bottom. You do not need to put glue on the picture as you don't want it to ripple – the sticks will hold it in place.
5. Add a horizontal stick at the bottom and three at the top. All the white of the paper should be covered. Glue sticks in place.
6. Arrange two sticks vertically on either side of picture, covering all the white of the paper. Glue in place.
7. Glue one more horizontal stick in place at the top.
8. Take the pointed piece that you made out of the tongue blades and position it at the top. You want the open triangle to be small enough to be mostly covered with the title piece. When you are sure it is in the right spot, glue it in place using a generous amount of glue. Press down on it until it is set.
9. Glue on label.
10. Glue cross at the top.
11. Working on a paper plate, add glue and decorate with pebbles. Apply the glue very generously, making sure you have all areas covered as it is very difficult to try to add more glue and pebbles if you've missed spots (but try not to get glue on the picture). Press the pebbles into the glue firmly, and then shake off excess onto the paper plate, just like sprinkling cookies.
12. Place on a paper plate to dry so that the rim of the plate is supporting the cross. Keep pressing on the bottom of the 'roof' pieces occasionally so it dries flat.