



# THE THREE CROSSES

## The Cross of Redemption

On the center cross Jesus was crucified and paid the price to “redeem” us. He did this by taking on himself the consequences of our disregard for God, and asking God to forgive us for not living and behaving the way God intended when He created us. ‘Redemption’ means that Jesus paid the price to buy back our lives from the spiritual death caused by living independently without God, so that instead of death, we can be granted eternal life with God. (*Colossians 2:13-15*) This offer of redemption is a free gift that God offers to all who believe in Jesus and accept His Lordship in their lives. (*Luke 23:33-34*)

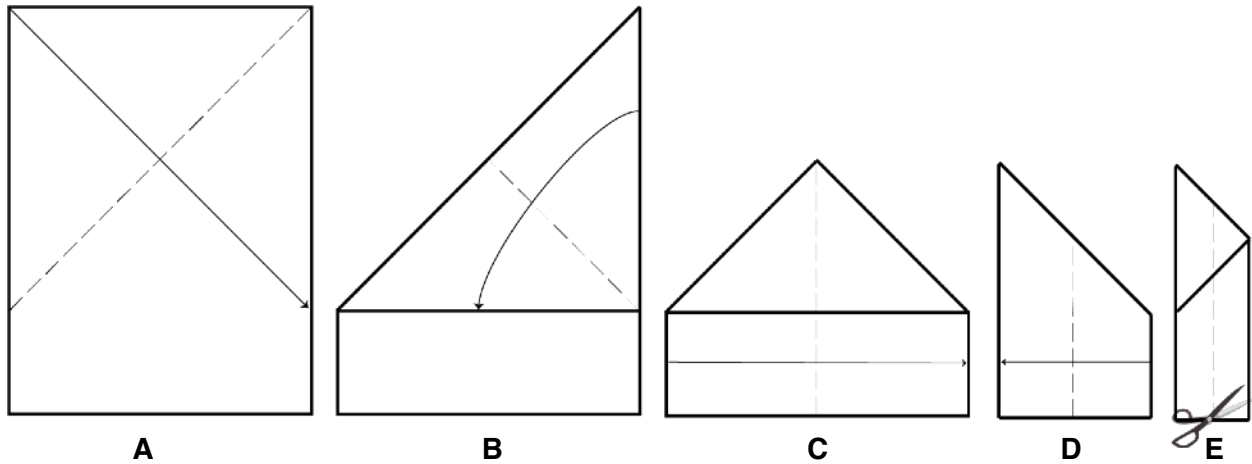
## The Cross of Rejection

One of the criminals crucified with Jesus ridiculed Him and refused to acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of mankind. This is a picture of how some people in the world today live their lives, and it leads to death. (*Luke 23:39*)

## The Cross of Redemption

The other criminal who was crucified next to Jesus turned to Jesus, admitted his own guilt and demonstrated that he believed who Jesus was by asking Jesus to include him in His kingdom. The promise of life that Jesus gave to this criminal is a promise that is still available to everyone who turns to Jesus today. (*Luke 23:40-43*)

# CROSS OBJECT LESSON

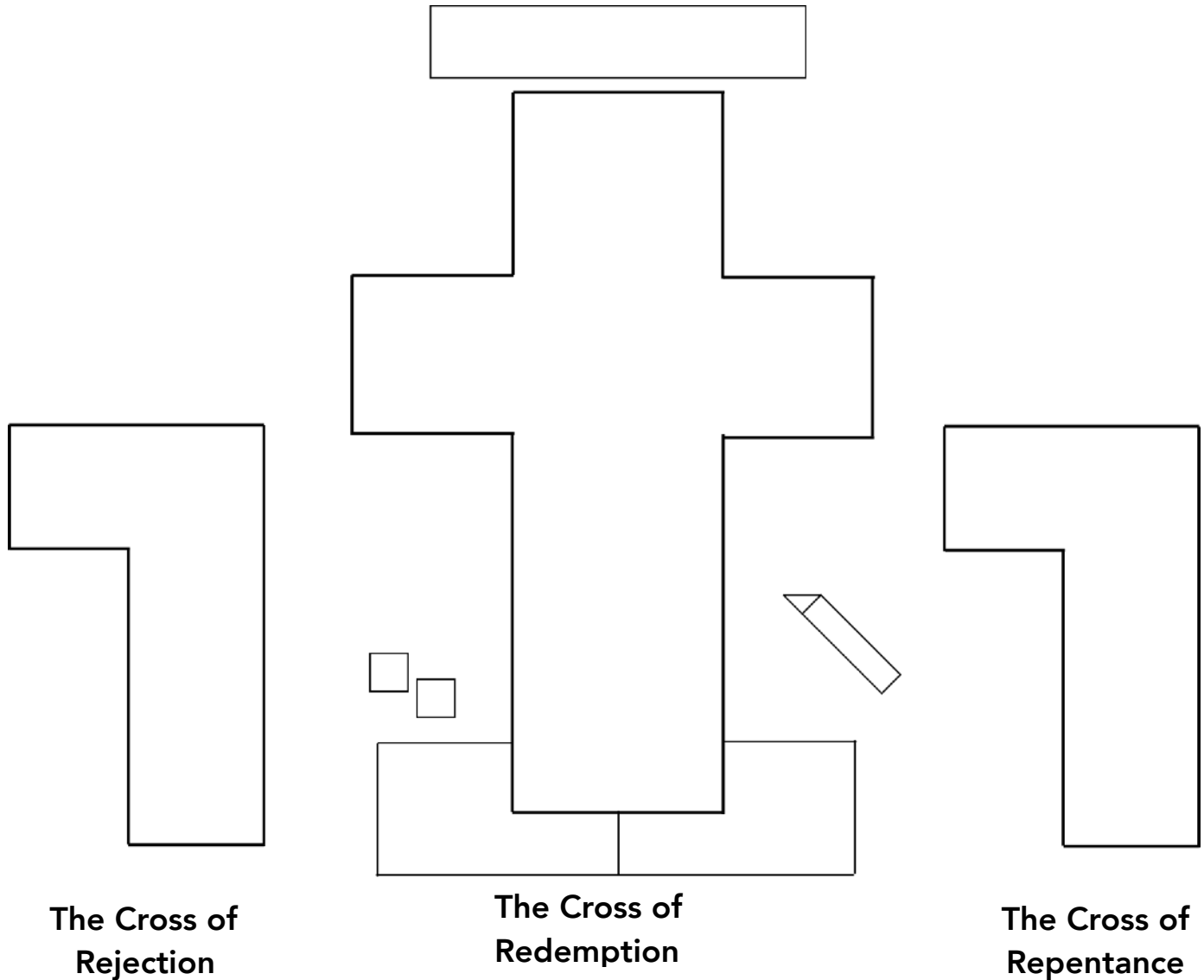


## Directions

- A. Using a rectangular piece of paper (standard letter or similar proportions) fold one top corner down to line up the top edge with the side edge
- B. Fold the other top corner down to match
- C. Fold the paper in half so that the two flat edges line up
- D. Fold in half a second time to line up the flat edges again
- E. Cut the paper in half lengthwise along the center line
- F. Carefully unfold the pieces and use them to illustrate the story of the three crosses

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## The Lesson of Jesus on the Cross



*The additional pieces may be used to represent the sign that was placed on the cross when Jesus was crucified, the spear that was used to pierce his side, the dice the soldiers used to cast lots for his tunic, and the ground the cross was placed on. Elevating the center cross emphasizes how the cross of Jesus is superior to any other cross.*