

# Beaded Salvation Cross!

## Lesson Idea:

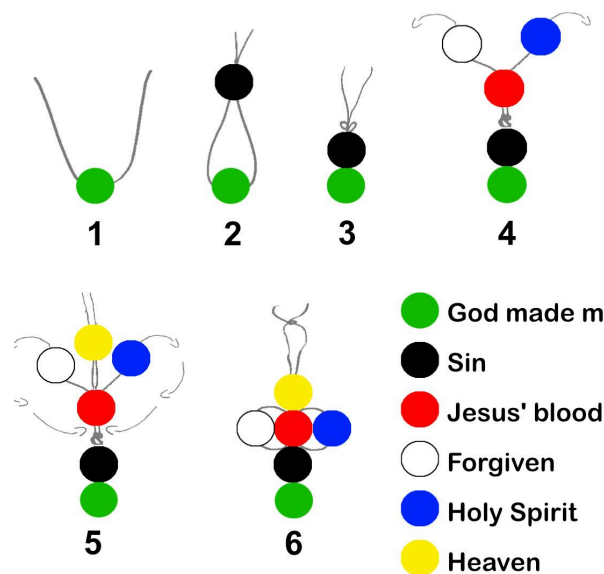
Ephesians 2:8-9

*God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

As believers, our security in our salvation is a source of joy no matter what our circumstances are. We are desperate for others to share in this joy and introduce them to Jesus too! Salvation is a gift from God that we cannot earn and once we have accepted it, we cannot lose it either. Now this can be a complex concept for children to understand. Using colours makes it easier to explain how Jesus is the only one who can save us from the sin in our lives and secure our eternity. Each colour represents each step of salvation and will give children a tool that they can use to introduce others to Jesus, so they can have an eternity with Him too!

### Items needed per child:

- Beads in each colour (red, blue, yellow, green, black and white)
- Thread or gut
- Key ring



## **Craft making instructions:**

Link to video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/y8aMgh3YIhc>

Thread the beads together as shown in the pictures. It will form a cross that is then made into a keyring and can then be used to explain salvation.

1. Start with the **GREEN bead**: God created the universe, the world and everything in it. God created me!
  - *John 1:3 God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him.*
  - *Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image.*
  - *Psalms 139:13-14 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous — how well I know it.*
  
2. Then bring out the **BLACK bead**: but man sinned! When Adam sinned, he created a separation between us and God.
  - *Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God.*

Even though we sinned, God immediately planned a way for us to be reunited with Him.
  
3. God sent His only Son, Jesus, to be born as a man and to die on the cross for us. The **RED bead**: His death on the cross and His blood washes us clean of our sin.
  - *1 John 1:7 and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.*
  
4. The **WHITE bead** shows us how once we accept Jesus into our hearts and ask Him to take all our sin away, we are washed clean. God does not even remember any of the wrong things we have done. The wonderful part about this gift of grace, is that we don't have to do anything to earn it. It is free!
  - *1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all sin.*

5. Now show the **BLUE bead**. When we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes and lives in us. The Holy Spirit is the one who gives us guidance, wisdom, comfort and joy in all circumstances. The Holy Spirit helps us to tell others about Jesus too!

- *Acts 1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.*

6. Now we know that our eternity with God in Heaven is secure! Show the **YELLOW bead**. Heaven is where there is no more pain, sickness or evil and it is where we can be with all the believers who ever lived! It gives us joy and comfort to know that after we die, we get to spend eternity with Jesus.

- *Revelation 21:21 The twelve gates were made of pearls—each gate from a single pearl! And the main street was pure gold, as clear as glass.*

Now you have a keyring that you can attach to your handbag, pencil bag or school bag and use at any time to lead others to Jesus too!

