

CROWN OF THORNS

For each Lenten sacrifice a child makes, he or she pulls a toothpick out of the crown. This activity makes a terrific visual reminder of Christ's suffering. Parents can explain to their children that by suffering and sacrifice we can become like Jesus and live a fulfilling life in Christ's love.

The goal should be to remove all toothpick thorns from the crown by Easter. Once all the thorns have been removed, you can paint and decorate the crown with colorful jewels, beads, ribbon, colored paper, or flowers as a sign for triumph that Jesus has risen to King.

Estimated Time: 1 1/2 hour

Age Level: 5-12

Objective:

Children will braid a dough mixture into a crown, and use toothpicks for thorns.

Material List:

- 4 cups Flour
- 1 cup Salt
- Water
- Toothpicks
- Large mixing bowl

Adult Preparation:

preheat oven to 350.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.) Mix flour and salt. Mix in warm water until dough is firm
- 2.) Knead until air bubbles are gone and dough is smooth. Roll out three long logs and loosely braid them.
- 3) Form braid into a circle.
- 4) Soak toothpicks in water then stick toothpicks loosely throughout the entire crown. Make sure toothpicks are not too deep or they will not come out.
- 5) Parents bake at 350° F for an hour or until it is golden brown.

