

# HOLY CROSS

Living the Good News  
Proper 19 – A

Faithful Cross! above all other,  
one and only noble tree!  
None in foliage, none in blossom,  
none in fruit thy peers may be;  
sweetest wood and sweetest Iron!  
sweetest weight is hung on thee.

*Venantius Fortunatus, translated by John Mason Neale*

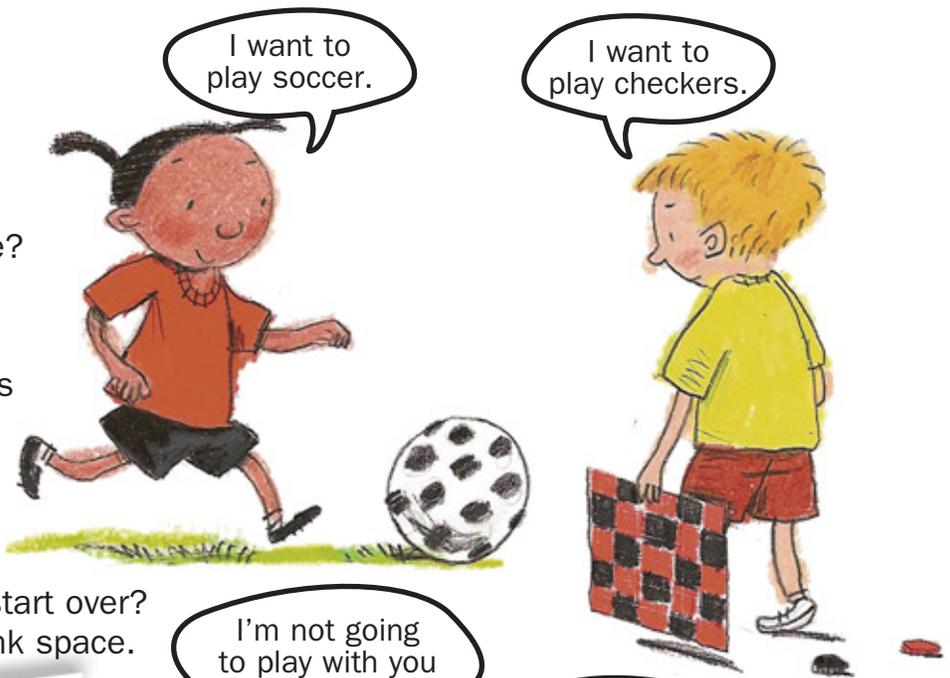
Christians believe that the cross of Jesus is the sign of God's forgiveness for all people, for all time. That's why this cross shape shines with beautiful colors. That's why this poem sings with joy about the cross.

Draw your own cross shape on paper.  
What beautiful designs can you make to decorate the cross?



# STARTING OVER

- \* Did you ever forgive someone? What happened? How did you feel?
- \* One way people forgive others is by letting them start over. We can always start over!
- \* Look at the pictures on this page.
  - How could these children start over?
  - Draw your ideas in the blank space.



**WITH YOUR FAMILY**

**Celebrate the cross of Jesus, the sign of God's forgiveness!** Read aloud the poem on page one before eating delicious Hot Cross Buns.

- Make Hot Cross Buns with your family. Use this easy recipe:
1. Start with 6-12 plain rolls. Ask a grownup to warm them slightly.
  2. Mix together 1 cup powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract. This makes a soft icing.
  3. Use a spoon or table knife to spread two lines of icing on each roll. Make the lines look like a cross on the roll.