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Drawing on Christ



The fish has been a symbol of Christianity since the early days of the church. As the Christian population increased so did persecution from non Christian communities. It was not safe to advertise that you were a follower of Jesus' teachings so early Christians had to develop a way to identify each other safely.

It is commonly believed that during that dangerous time, Christians used a symbol of a fish to reveal their faith. If two people met on the road, one would draw an arc in the dirt. If the second completed the arc to create a fish the first would know it was safe to express who they were.

The fish was a sign of encouragement for Jesus' followers. What are some other symbols that reflect God's love in your life? What symbols or messages of hope can you leave for others?

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Questions? Concerns?
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Sidewalk Chalk Paint

Cornstarch is a really weird substance. It does not seem follow the normal laws of science. When you mix cornstarch with water it behaves in a bizarre way: when you apply pressure to the cornstarch and water mixture it will become more solid instead of more liquid. Try it! It is very fun to play with; and paint with!

Supplies: Cornstarch, water, food colouring or water based non toxic paint, small containers (one per colour), measuring spoon, paint brushes.

Instructions: Measure 2 TBSP of water into each small container. Add a few drops of food colouring or paint to the water. Mix. Add 3 TBSP of cornstarch into each small container. Carefully, mix well. Use large paintbrushes to paint designs onto the sidewalk or driveway. Mix each colour before you begin painting with it. Let dry and enjoy!

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Josh 1:9 (NIV)

