

## **Move to the Cross**

Because we *stand with* Israel does not mean that we are *standing against* the others who live in the region.

Do ahead of time

Lay a cross in the middle of the floor and place chairs around it or have the children sit on the floor in a circle. If you don't have a cross, tape pieces of construction paper in the form of a cross to the floor.

Go to Google Images on your computer and make some stickers of the faces of Middle Eastern children by printing them out on mailing labels. You can set up two faces on each label. Cut the faces apart and put them on separate 2 x 3" piece of construction paper. The children will use these as prayer cards. Have enough so that every child will have one to lay down on the cross each time they pray one of the prayer points.

Have computer paper and pencils available for children who may want to draw their prayers.

Explain to the children that Christ gave His life for everyone and desires for all to join Him in heaven. Because the Jews are His chosen people, does not mean that He doesn't love others. He sent His Son to overcome the sin of ALL people. We want to pray for the Jews and Arabs in the Middle East.

As the children take turns praying, have them place a picture card on the cross.

Have the children pray by drawing pictures of their prayers and let them lay them on the cross.

## **Prayer points for the children.**

Have the children pray for the children who live in Israel and the surrounding Arab territories. Pray that the poor will have food and houses.

Pray that the children will have peace in their hearts.

Pray for their safety.

Pray that the love of Christ will be seen in the lives of the Messianic believers and other Christians who live in their towns.

Have the children pray thanking God for His power that has no limits. His power can change impossible circumstances. His power can soften that hardest of hearts. Pray for those congregations in the land that are ministering to the Jews and Arabs alike. Pray for their safety, finances and those who labor with them.

Have the children pray that the teachings of hatred can not take root in the hearts of the children. Pray against the strategies of the enemy that would deafen ears toward the Gospel of peace, or cause physical harm to the Israeli people and Christian laborers in the land.