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“That makes a cross something wonderful, doesn’t it?”

Teddy was silent for awhile. Then he said, “I can put it in my bedroom and look at it while I say my prayers. It will help me remember that Jesus died for me, and that I belong to Him.

Now his mother was glad to hear what he said. The cross was a pretty special present after all. The Holy Bible said, “Look to Jesus, who suffered on the cross. Hebrews 12, verse 2.

Jesus also said that, “He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me.” Matthew 10:38

And Jesus also said,” Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple.” Mark 14:27

**Our Prayer:**

**Dear Lord Jesus, whenever I see a cross, may it remind me of how You suffered and died for me, and help me to look to You for forgiveness, and Life with You. Amen.**



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