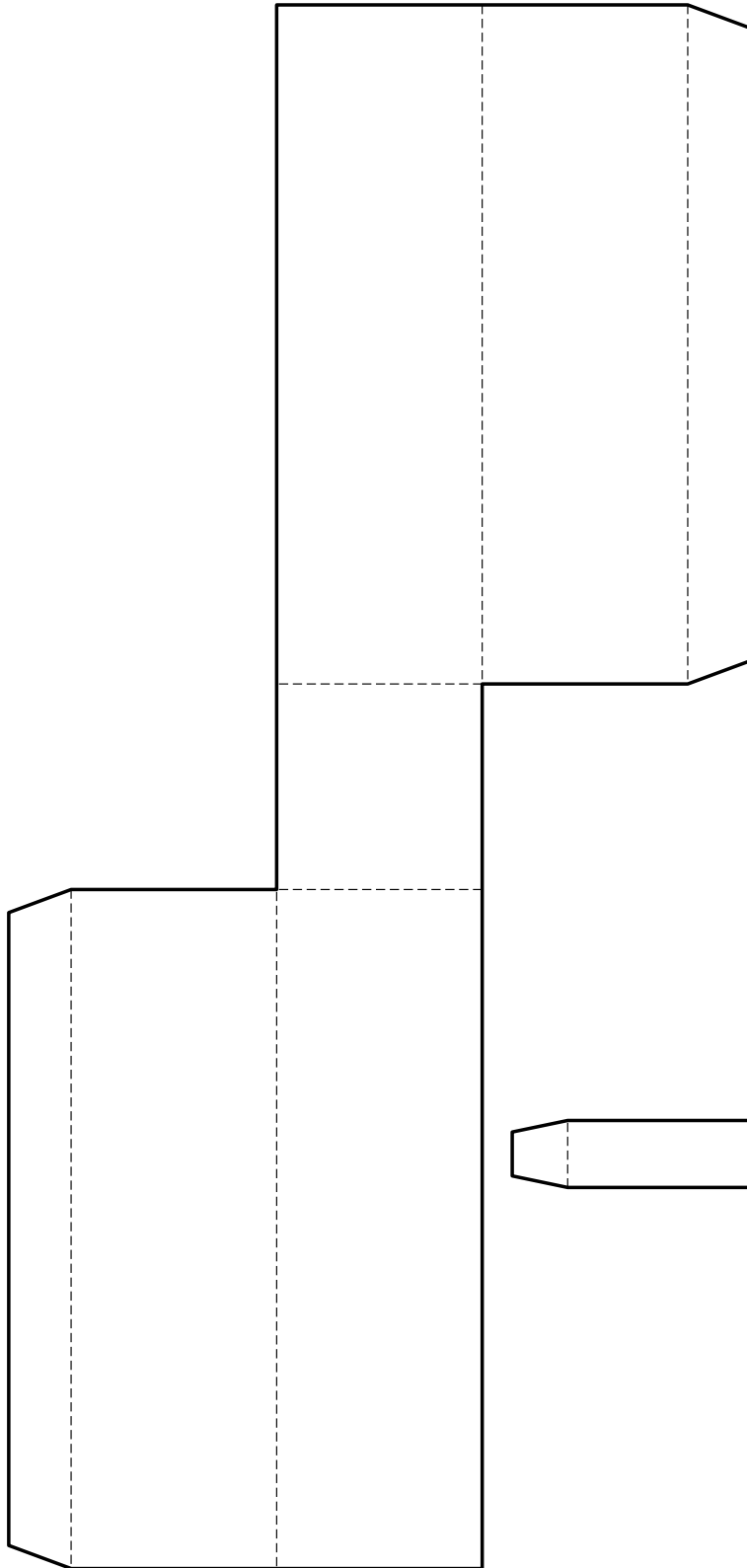
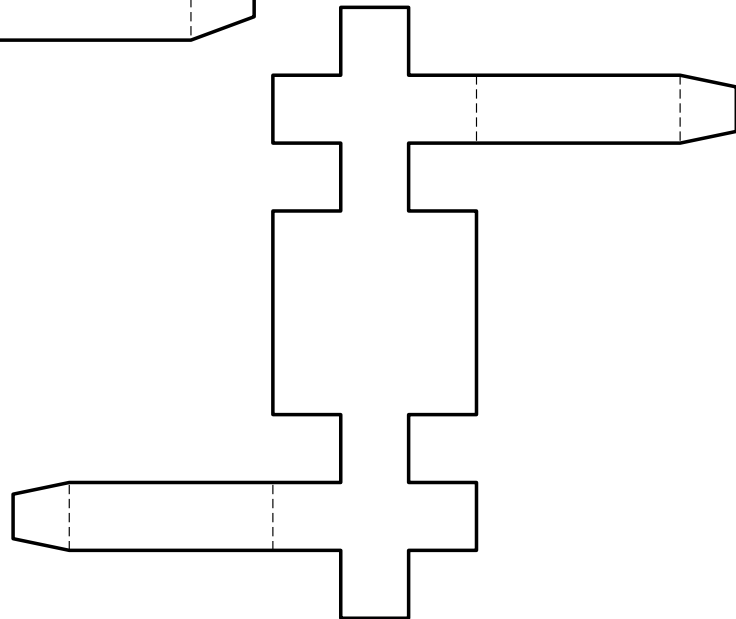


Make a praying cross



When Anglo-Saxons became Christians they put up stone crosses in the countryside. They gathered around the crosses to pray. They decorated the crosses with carvings.

Cut out this cross.
Decorate it before you stick it together.



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Age range

- Years 3/4 (SP4/5).
- Years 5/6 (SP6/7).

Resources

Copies of the worksheet, scissors, coloured pencils, glue. Secondary sources showing praying crosses.

Using the worksheet

Before churches were erected, the Anglo-Saxons set up praying crosses. They were carved with Christian words and pictures. The crosses today are only in the colour of the stone from which they are made. In Anglo-Saxon times they were brightly coloured to make them stand out.

Younger students

You may let the students simply colour the sides of the cross before they stick the sides and top together. Alternatively you may let them carry out the activity as described for older students.

Outcomes

The students:

- Can use simple materials and equipment safely.
- Can assemble a model.
- Know where praying crosses were set up.

Older students

The students can use secondary sources to find out about the carvings on the crosses. They can then use this information to make their own designs on the sides of the pillar and the cross before they assemble it.

Outcomes

The students can:

- Use secondary sources for research.
- Make a design based on information from research.
- Make a model.