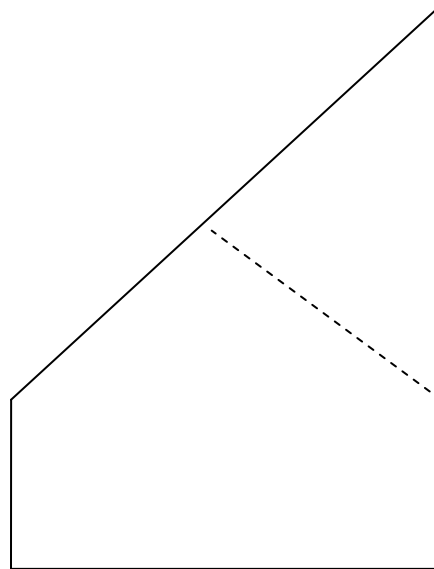
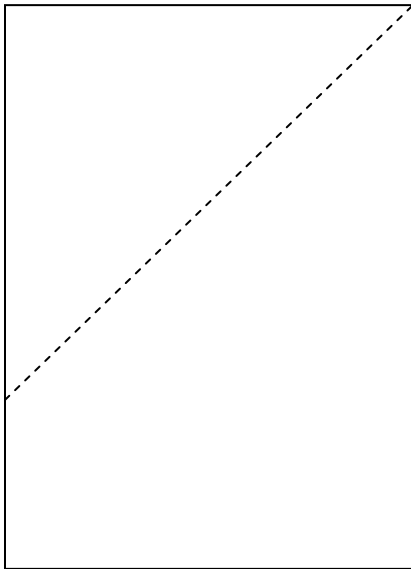


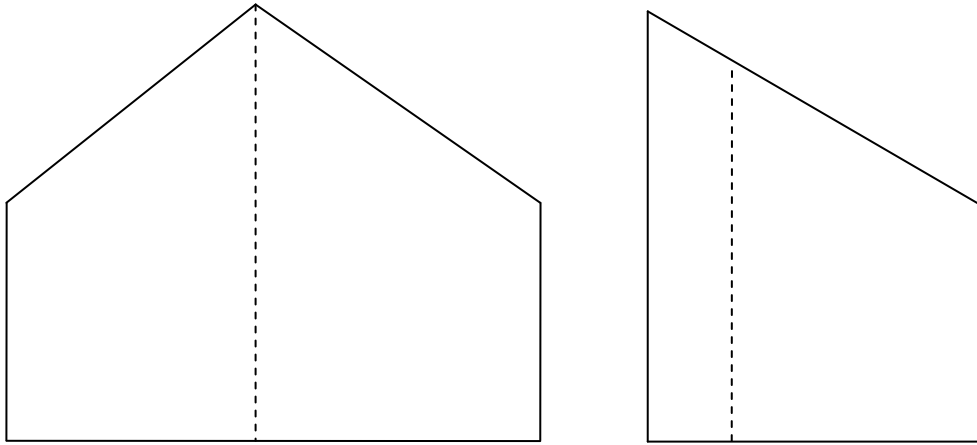
The One-Cut Cross

Use a blank sheet of 8 ½ X 11 copy paper. Any rectangular paper can be used, but this will work best. Carefully fold the top corner of the paper over so that the point touches the other side, then fold the other top corner over to the other side. This can be done easily on any hard surface, but can also be done in the air after you practice enough times. Make the folds sharp.

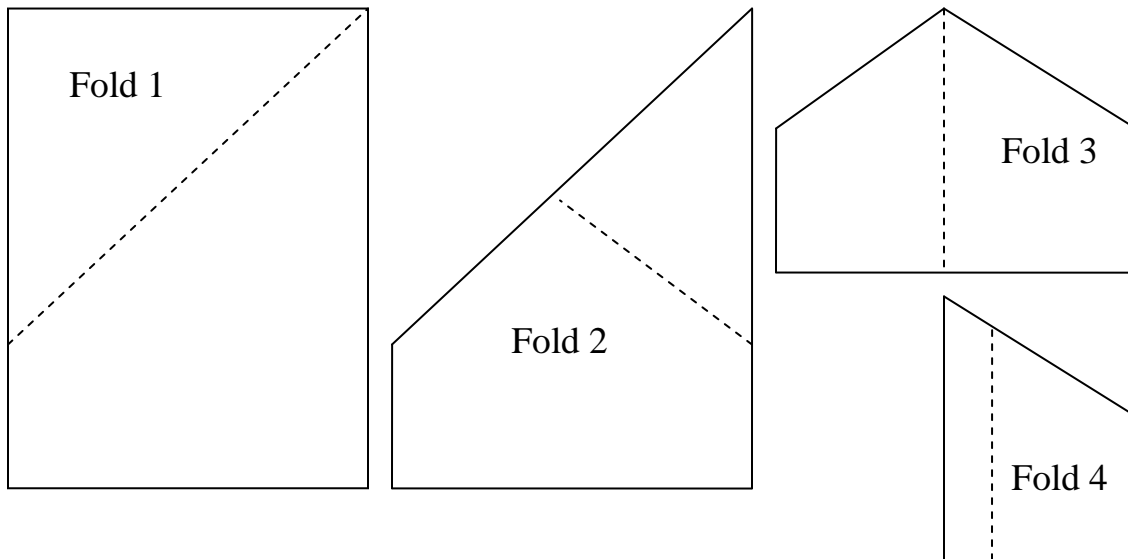
After folding the first sheet of paper as shown below it should be in the shape of a house. Ask the kids “what do you think I’m making?” and wait for someone to say “a house”. Then explain that Jesus is in heaven making a house for us to live in, that He was a carpenter, and that it will be a beautiful house. Depending on the time, tell them that all of heaven is a beautiful place, and that no sin is allowed. So, our sin must be removed before we can go there. Practice often so you are ready to speak.



After making the house, carefully fold both sides down to make an airplane. Leave just a small body of the plane and larger wings, about 1/3 of the total side. Tell the kids that airplanes can fly pretty high, but you can still see them and they don't get you to heaven.



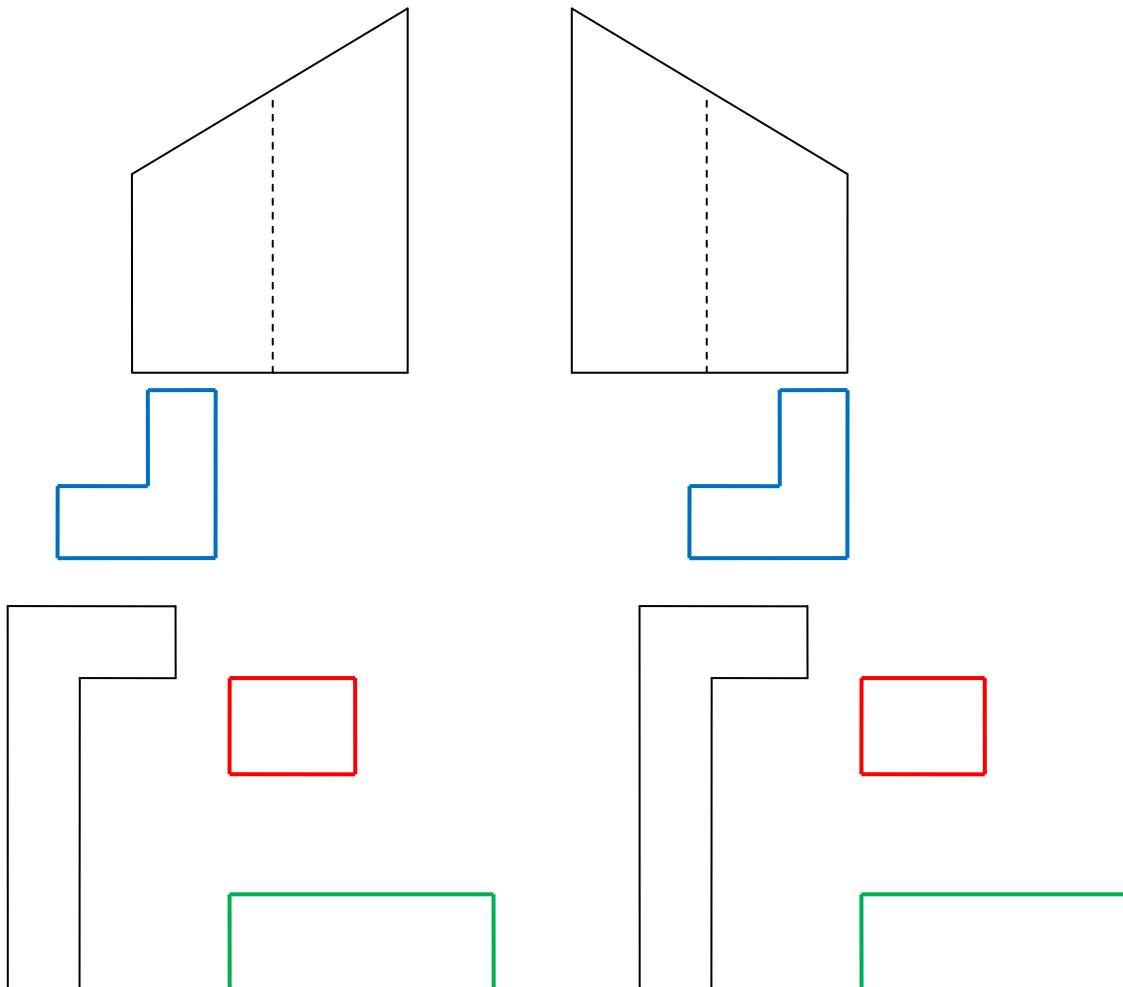
Let's review, the four folds, which you need to practice:



Next, carefully tear the wings off the airplane. Pinch the body of the plane with one hand and start at the back with the other hand, one wing at a time. We are tearing along fold 4 in the illustration. After you tear one wing off, switch hands and carefully tear the other wing off, precisely along the fold. Keep practicing. Once both wings are off, show the kids the body and tell them it now looks like a rocket. Rockets go higher than airplanes, but they don't get to heaven either. Then, open up the 'rocket' and it will be in the form of a cross. When you practice you can slide your thumb up the back of the rocket and pop-open the cross.

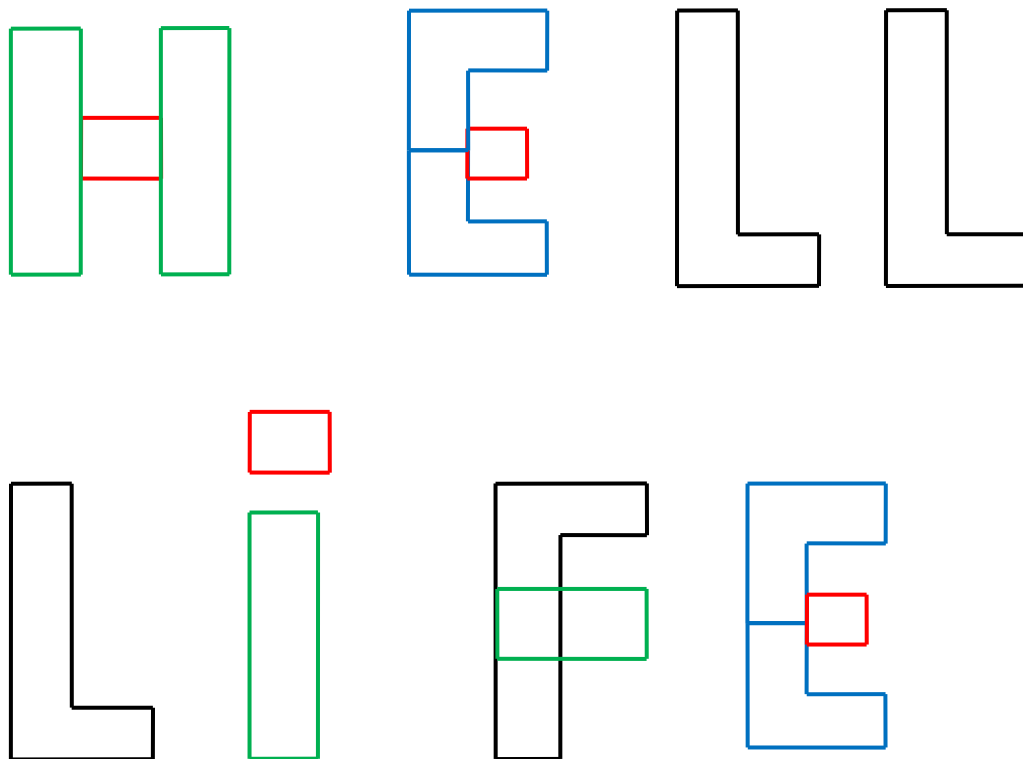
Now is the time to tell the kids that Christ died on the cross to take away our sins and to provide the only way to get to heaven. Quote scriptures throughout the presentation. Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, John 14:1-6, Acts 4:12, Acts 16:31, Ephesians 2:8-9. Memorize these verses, and practice.

If you have more time, you can also tear the wings in half. There are two wings which you tore from the plane; either place them on top of each other and tear them in half, or tear each one individually along the dotted lines in the diagram. Each wing will yield the four shapes shown below.



We are going to spell two words, first HELL and then LIFE. Spell the first word before you open up the cross, and then rearrange the pieces to spell LIFE after you present the gospel. Ask the kids “who knows how to spell?” and then proceed to arrange the pieces to write HELL. Tell them not to say it, that it’s not a nice word or a nice place, but it’s in the Bible and Jesus talked about it.

After spelling HELL tell the kids that God loves them and sent His Son to die on the cross, which you open up and show them. Make sure they understand the gospel, and then rearrange the pieces to spell LIFE. Tell the kids when they trust Christ as Savior they can have eternal life with Him in heaven forever.



*Pray for the Spirit to help you,
Present the gospel with clarity,
And Practice often!*