Make the sign of the cross on your child’s ears and say:

Receive the cross on your forehead.
It is Christ who now strengthens you with this sign of his love. Learn to know him and follow him.

Make the sign of the cross on your child’s ears and say:

Receive the sign of the cross on your ears, that you may hear the voice of the Lord.

Make the sign of the cross on your child’s eyes and say:

Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that you may see signs of God’s love everywhere.

Make the sign of the cross on your child’s lips and say:

Receive the sign of the cross on your lips, that you may always speak words of kindness and peace.

Make the sign of the cross over your child’s heart and say:

Receive the Sign of the cross over your heart, that you may love as Jesus loved.

Make the sign of the cross on your child’s shoulders and say:

Receive the sign of the cross over your shoulders, that you may have the strength to carry the crosses of life.

Make the sign of the cross on your child’s feet and say:

Receive the sign of the cross on your feet, may you may walk in the paths of the Lord.
As we traced the Sign of the cross on your body, God signed you in your heart.
All through your life, the cross will remind you of God’s great love for you.
Let us place ourselves entirely under the Sign of Christ’s cross in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Have you child place the wooden cross they have decorated on the table. If you have Holy Water in the house, you may want to sprinkle the cross with Holy Water as you bless it saying:

We ask God to bless this cross we have made with our own hands. May is always remind us that we are clothed in Christ and loved and supported by his people.