

Grade 7 Alpha Session 3

Episode 3: CROSS-WHY DID JESUS DIE?

Opening Prayer

Jesus,

Thank you for coming to Earth and dying on the cross because you love us. We are sorry for the wrong we have done. Forgive us for living for ourselves. Thank you for paying the debt we could never afford. Thank you for welcoming us into your family. Today we choose to trust you and follow you. Please help us as we begin a relationship with you. Thank you for loving us. Amen.

Ice Breaker: “I have never...” if you have never done this, stay seated. If you have done it, stand up!

- Flown in an airplane
- Gone Skiing
- Ridden a Unicycle
- Broken a bone
- Been to another country
- Laughed so hard it hurt
- Run a 5K
- Stayed up all night

Watch Video Episode 3: Cross–Why did Jesus Die? (Running Time: 22:43 mins.)

Question 1: What is one of your most physically painful experiences?

Supporting Questions:

- Do you have any cool scars?
- Have you ever broken a bone?

Question 2: How would you define sin? Do you see it in the world around you?

Supporting Questions:

- Do you think the problems of the world are getting worse or better?
- Who should decide what is right and what is wrong?
- Jason and Ben said that ‘sin is not just in the world around us, but also in each one of us.’ How do you feel about this idea?

Questions 3: Do you think there is a difference between the death of Jesus and other religious leaders, martyrs, or war heroes?

Supporting Questions:

- If yes, what is it? Or if not, why?
- Does the death of Jesus have any personal meaning to you?
- Ben and Jason said that Jesus died for you and me because He loves us. What do you think about this idea?

Post Session Thoughts:

- Do you think you can sin without knowing it?
- Do you think it’s fair to say everyone has sinned?
- In this episode there were a few different pictures used to describe what Jesus did on the cross: a father welcoming his son home, a judge paying for his friend’s crime, and a priest killing a lamb as a sacrifice. Which of these pictures stood out to you the most? Why?
- When Jason and Ben showed the “good person test,” they said that God doesn’t compare us to one another to determine if we are good or not (God doesn’t share our rating system). What do you think about that idea?