



Sacred Space Surprise

Cross: Jesus' Love for Us

Find your bag for October 11, open it, and take out the small wooden cross and hold it in your hand.

Reflect: As you hold the cross in your hand, what does it make you think about? (*Allow a few moments of quiet reflection.*)

Those are great! When I see the cross it reminds me that Jesus Christ was willing to give up everything, his own life, so we could have everlasting life. Jesus was willing to die on the cross for us.

Many people wear crosses or have crosses in their homes as a way to honor Jesus. It means that those of us who want to follow him must be willing to give up everything to follow him.

Ask: Do you see how the cross has two pieces joined together? One piece points up and the other piece points out? The part that points up is pointing to God and the part that points out is pointing to the people of the world. See how the two pieces come together in the middle? The two pieces come together in the middle and that's how Jesus died to bring God and the people of the world together. Jesus is at the center of the cross and at the center of what we believe as Christians.

The cross may sometimes cause us to feel sad when we remember it as the place that Jesus died, but the cross also reminds us to be grateful for his love and for the Good News that he brought to all people. He overcame death and His Spirit of Love lives in our hearts.

Sing: A song we sing at the conclusion of our worship services is the hymn "Lift High the Cross." You can listen to it here and sing along: [Lift High the Cross](#)

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.
Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Do: Place your wooden cross in your sacred space.