



FACT SHEET JESUS

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Read It:
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Talk It:
Why was Jesus' death on the cross important?

Know it:
The Bible says that sin is disobeying God. The punishment for disobeying our Creator is death. This means either the person sinning has to die or someone has to die in their place. This is called a sacrifice. This happened in the Old Testament with the final plague in Egypt. The blood of a lamb had to be placed on the doorposts of the Israelites' homes for the Death Angel to "pass over" their house and not kill their firstborn. That is why to this day the Jewish people celebrate a Passover dinner.



For centuries, the Jewish people made sacrifices to God to show that they were sorry for their sins and to show that sin had to be paid for by death. There was not a perfect sacrifice for our sins until Jesus died on the cross for us. The One True God became a man and took our punishment for us when He died on the cross. When we have faith that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and then rose again three days later, we are set free from the punishment for sin. That is what it means to be "saved" from our sins. God forgives us because of what Jesus did for us. Jesus took our place so we wouldn't have to die for our sins. However, we have to choose to accept His death in our place for it to count for us.

Go Do It:
The Bible says we were bought with a price and freed from sin when Jesus died for us. If Jesus loved us so much while we were still sinners that He died for us, what should our response be back to Him? How can we live our lives for Him? Imagine if a friend died for you, how would that make you feel? Now realize that God died for you! Let us live like we have been freed and are alive through Christ because of what He did for us.