



# THE CROSS

## THE PLACE OF THE SKULL



Hello Explorers! My name is Zach and I am your faithful guide for your adventure today. A good guide always knows where they are going. I have my binoculars out to look ahead to see that this Adventure looks like it has a sad ending. However, God has a way to turn every sad ending into a happy ending, we just have to trust in God. Jesus knew that what He was going to do would save the whole world! On the Cross, Jesus died, but that is not the end of His story or His adventures.

A good explorer pays close attention, there is always something new to discover. Let's explore!

## PRACTICE YOUR PRAYERS

Let's get our Prayer Guide and practice our prayers! Let's start with the Sign of the Cross and The Glory Be. Then we can pick other prayers to practice.

### Glory Be

Glory be to the Father,  
And to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning,  
Is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I bet you have seen a cross before. It is a symbol of our faith in God and our love of Jesus. It is good to have a cross in your home. When we do bad things on purpose that is unloving. God didn't make us to do bad things but to be loving and to do good things. If you break a window, the window doesn't get fixed just because you said sorry. Your parents or someone they trust has to sacrifice and work hard to repair the damage.

Jesus had to repair the damage of all the bad things we choose to do. The way he did that was by sacrificing Himself on the cross. That's where he died. He had to do that to unlock the gate to heaven and eternal life. But as we will see in our next adventure, death is not the end for Jesus, He will come back to prove that death is not the end for God's children either!

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Jesus was taken to a place called "Golgotha," which means, "Place of the skull." There he was hung on a cross between two criminals. He was suffering, but he had a mission to save everyone's soul, so they could all go to heaven.

People said, "If you are really the Son of God, come down from there." There was an eclipse of the sun and the whole world went dark. Jesus asked God to forgive us, and then he said one last prayer before he died. He was taken down from the cross, with his mother Mary at his side, and was laid in a tomb.

Everyone who loved Jesus was very sad because it felt like they would never see Him again. But it wasn't the end, God had a bigger plan!



## SHARE YOUR IDEAS

We celebrate the cross and look at it with joy, not because Jesus died on the cross, but because Jesus finished his mission on the cross. By dying, Jesus was able to forgive all of our sins and open up heaven for us. Though everyone dies, it is not the end of our story either. Now we can go to heaven and live with God and our family in perfect happiness forever! Thank you Jesus for doing that for us!



1. Jesus had to do a lot to give us a chance to go to heaven. What is one way we can thank Jesus for giving us such a great gift?
2. Jesus knows what it is like to feel pain, how can we help people when they are hurt?
3. How does your family help you when you are hurt?
4. Does your family just give you band-aids or do they also show you love?

When we see people hurting, we should think of Jesus, and help them!

## SPECIAL PROJECT

It is time to complete our special project for the day and then we can collect our Hope Gem by checking it off on our Adventure Map. Find the special project with the number 8 label and follow the instructions inside! Great job Explorer!