At the Cross

Bible Scripture: *Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

Overview – Jesus is the Answer

When Jesus demonstrated His love by dying on the cross, He gave us the gift of Salvation. In this prayer station, children will learn that we are all sinners, and sin is what keeps us from having a relationship with God. Also, children will discover that Jesus is God's answer to sin. They will learn that Jesus died on the cross for them, their friends and their family.

Before class

Place stacks of books of various sizes in the center of each table. As the children walk in classroom hand them each a book. If class size is small, you can give each child more than on book. Then you will demonstrate how heavy sin gets by having them place the books on the outstretched arm of a volunteer. You will compare this to how heavy all of the sins of the world must have been for Jesus to bear on the cross.

Prayer Focus Questions

Have all the children sit in a circle and pick someone to start. That child will say the first part of *Romans 5:8.*

The child to his or her left must say the second part of the verse. You may want to use a stopwatch, pausing in between reading to be able to ask the following question.

(1) Why would it be hard to die for a "bad" person?

(2) What types of sins have you committed?

(3) How did God demonstrate His love for us?

(4) Who in your family, or which friend, are you believing for salvation in their lives?

Activity: Throw Away Your Sins

- Children write different types of sins on different pieces of paper
- Pray with the children against each sin and have them crumple up the papers
- Using a trash can or basket, children will throw the sin away, tossing it like a basketball

Take-home challenge

Have children look up *Romans 5:8* in his or her bible, highlight the verse, and challenge them to read it several times during the week. As they read at home have the child journal names of people they believe God will save. Also, they may journal sins in their own lives they are asking God to deliver them from.

a) Name of person loved one.
b) Write down 3 sins you struggle with
c) Pray that God will hear your prayers and answer them in His timing

As a family, sit down and read over your child's list. Being involved and interacting with your child can be very rewarding for both of you. Once the list has been discussed, pray over the areas of sin and people who you are believing for. Ask God to seal within your heart the promise of salvation.