

WEEK 3 - The Rescue: Jesus Takes Our Place

Scripture: John 3:16 — "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..."

Main Point: Jesus took the punishment we deserved.

Whiteboard Illustration:

Draw a stick figure (Us) \rightarrow a cross (Jesus) \rightarrow God on the other side. The cross bridges the gap.

Coach Says:

"Imagine your teammate fouls out — but you can take their place so they can keep playing. That's what Jesus did for us! We fouled out because of sin, but Jesus stepped in, took our penalty, and gave us a way back to God. When He died on the cross, He took our place — and when He rose again, He won the victory forever."

Reflection Questions:

- 1. What does it mean that Jesus took our place?
- 2. Why is His love so amazing?

Prayer:

"Thank You, Jesus, for taking my place on the cross. Help me to trust You and follow You every day."