



## **ANTHEM PARENT CUE**

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This week we read through John 3:16-17, which sums up who Jesus is and why He came to walk the earth, die on a cross, and rise again. We challenged students to consider the life of Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus, and the message of Jesus. When we are curious enough to consider who Jesus is for ourselves, our faith becomes that more real.

A students' view of God has been shaped by lots of different factors - what they see on social media, the different opinions from their friends at school, or what they hear from other adults - and there isn't one consistent image. Easter is a great opportunity to get students to consider who Jesus is and who He can be in our lives.

### CONVERSATION STARTERS:

With these, be sure to listen and not just talk or try to relate. Show them they have your full attention and remove distractions (*phone, tv, etc.*).

- As Easter approaches, find a time whether it's on your way to church, or at a meal time, to ask your teen: "Do you feel like Easter is relevant to your life today?"
  - After they've shared, be sure to validate how they feel. They may express doubts or the disconnect they have and it's important to let them know that's okay.
- If they expressed doubt or disconnect, ask them: "What are some challenges or roadblocks you face when it comes to believing in God?"
- If your teen expresses that Easter IS relevant to their life, or they seem strong in their faith, ask them: "What do you think your next step in your relationship with Jesus might be?"
- Thank them for sharing. Maybe share how Easter is relevant to your life today and some roadblocks to faith you've had to overcome.

Be encouraged, even if your student doesn't share or want to talk; this creates opportunity for them. You have shown them you care and will be available to walk through life with them. Remember, you are equipped for this because God knew everything about you before he gave you your teenager(s) to love and lead.

We are praying with you and for you! These types of conversations can be eye-opening and difficult to lead through. Take time to pray leading up to these conversations and know that God is with you!

**- ANTHEM LEADERSHIP TEAM**