

The Hunger Games

Supplies you will need:

- Movie
- Bible

Before you start

- Read through all of the discussion questions and Bible verses on your own.
- Mark each Bible verse with a bookmark so that you do not need to spend extra time looking them up later.
- Decide if you will read the Bible verses and say the prayer or if you will ask a family member to be in charge of those parts.

Watch the movie together as a family. When the movie is over, walk through the discussion questions together.

Read all of the Bible verses and make sure that each person has a chance to share.

- Using just a word or two, describe the world of the Hunger Games.
- How would you feel if your name was chosen in the Reaping?
- How would you feel if someone you loved had his or her name called in the Reaping?

One of the big themes of the “Hunger Games” is the idea of sacrifice, and we see that specifically in Katniss’ sacrifice for Prim. It is a moving scene when Katniss volunteers as tribute to take Prim’s place in the games.

- Why is it moving to see sacrificial love in action?
- Can you think of a real-life example of this type of love that you have seen? (some examples could be soldiers, fire fighters, police officers and parents protecting their children)
- Who are some people in your life that you would die for?

Most of us have someone in our lives that we would die for. Whether it’s a family member, someone we love deeply, or even a close friend, we all believe, or would like to believe, that if it ever came down to it, we have, somewhere in us, the nobility or the courage to stand up and defend them or take their place. But what about laying down our lives for someone else? What about volunteering to take the place of someone we don’t like, or someone who doesn’t like us, or even someone who hates us? What about trading our lives for the lives of our enemies? That’s a harder thing to imagine. But do you know what is amazing? That is EXACTLY what kind of love that Jesus has for us.

Read Romans 5:6-8

The Bible tells us that Christ died for us while we were still sinners - in other words, while we were against Him, He was still for us. While we had our backs turned toward Him, He picked up the cross anyway. That kind of love is incomprehensible! It’s amazing! It’s beautiful! And more than anything else it’s REAL. And God gives that love to all of us, even though we really have nothing to give in return.

- In The Hunger Games, Katniss’ decision to volunteer is motivated by her deep love for her sister Prim. What do you think motivated Jesus to lay down His life for us “while we were still sinners?”
- How should we respond to Jesus’ love for us? What sorts of things should we do, and what type of people should we be in light of what He’s done for us?

Prayer - Thank God for sending Jesus as the ultimate sacrifice.