

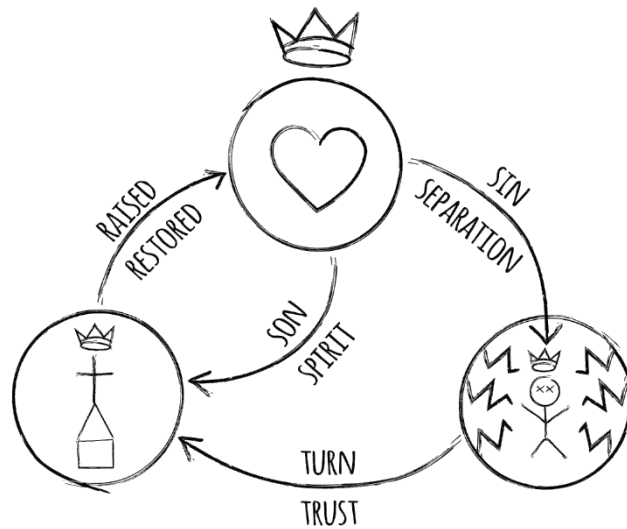


EQUIP TRAINING GUIDES

LIFE QUESTIONS

1. **WHERE** do you think we come from?
2. **WHY** do you think we are here?
3. **WHAT** do you think happens when we die?

These are three important questions everyone thinks about, eventually. The answers can be found in a story called 'The 3 Crowns.' It summarizes the main story of the Bible, which reveals the true and perfect record of humanity's origin, purpose and destiny. Over the school year, we will teach you how to share the Gospel using 3 Crowns. Each month, on Equip Week, you will watch a brief 3 Crowns training video. Each video has a training guide on how to share 3 Crowns in 3D (Discuss, Declare, and Defend).



DISCUSS

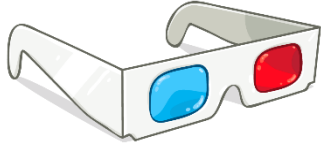
Discuss gives you a new question to break the ice and get into a spiritual conversation with your friends. In addition to the 3 Life Questions, use this new question to start gospel-conversations.

DECLARE

Declare has the main content of the lesson, with a relevant Scripture passage to memorize. Each Equip Week it's important to practice sketching out the 3 Crowns presentation. This is why we've carved out some time to pair up and roleplay.

DEFEND

Finally, if you have extra time, an additional apologetics (Defend) video is provided for your club. Or you can do the 3 Crowns Bible Study in your First Priority Bibles. Over the year we pray you are better equipped to give an answer for the hope you have in Jesus Christ to your friends on campus!



3CROWNS IN 3D (SEP)

► **WATCH THE 3 CROWNS:** Sketching the Kingdom Story

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1D DISCUSS THE BIBLE _____



"What do you think the Bible is about?"

2D DECLARE THE BIBLE _____



The Bible reveals the true and perfect record of mankind's origin, purpose and destiny.

The Bible is an incredible book – the greatest book ever written! You know why? It wasn't just written by man. It was inspired by God. It was written over 1500 years, by 40 different men, on 3 different continents in 3 different languages. Its consistent message is that God loves us and wants us to know Him.



2 **TIMOTHY 3:16:** "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (ESV)

ROLE-PLAY

Break into pairs, making sure everyone has paper and pencils. One student asks the new **DISCUSS THE BIBLE** question or one of the **Life Questions** to transition to 3 Crowns. Then sketch out **3 Crowns**, explaining the Gospel to your friend. Once completed, switch roles, so both of you get to practice.

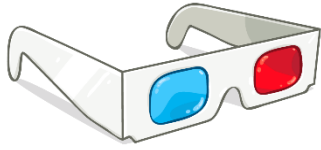


3D DEFEND THE BIBLE _____

After the roleplay is complete, show the Defend (apologetics) Video. Defend the reliability of the New Testament using the six E's below.

The testimony of the New Testament is...

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Early | 4. Excruciating |
| 2. Eyewitness | 5. Expected (fulfills OT) |
| 3. Embarrassing | 6. Extra-biblically confirmed |



3CROWNS IN 3D (OCT)

► **WATCH THE 1ST CROWN:** God is our Loving Creator and King

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1D DISCUSS GOD _____



"Do you believe in God? Why or why not?"

2D DECLARE GOD _____



God is King. He created the world and loves us.

God is the creator of everything we see and everything we don't. He is King over his creation, meaning he is in charge. He loves the world and he loves us. He made us uniquely in his image, to love him back, live for him, and worship him. In the beginning, everything was good.



Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth." (ESV)

ROLE-PLAY

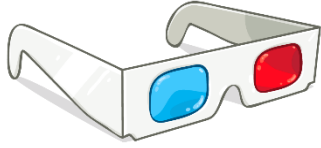
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3D DEFEND GOD _____

After the roleplay is complete, show the Defend (Apologetics) Video. Defend the existence of God, based on the existence of morality.

1. Moral laws (absolutes) exist.
Some things are always right and always wrong.
2. Moral law implies a moral lawgiver.
3. Therefore, a Moral Lawgiver exists – God.



3CROWNS IN 3D (NOV)

► **WATCH THE 2ND CROWN:** We Rejected God's Rule and Crowned Ourselves

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1D DISCUSS SIN _____



"Do you think people are basically good or evil? Why?"

2D DECLARE SIN _____



We rejected God's rule and crowned ourselves.

This is the second crown. We have made ourselves king. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God. The ultimate penalty for our sin is death, both physical and spiritual in Hell. Our sin has brought a curse on creation and brokenness into the world. Sadness, sickness, suffering, and pain now touch all our lives.



Romans 3:23 "...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (ESV)

ROLE-PLAY

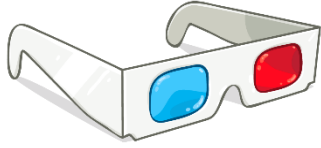
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3D DEFEND SIN _____

If God is all powerful and all good, why is there evil in the world? Watch the brief video and discuss what it teaches below:

- Evil isn't just "out there." Evil is inside of you and me.
- Therefore, to judge and destroy evil now means to judge and destroy millions of people.
- God permits evil to continue because he is patient, allowing more time for repentance (2 Peter 3:9).



3CROWNS IN 3D (DEC)

► **WATCH THE GOOD NEWS:** God Sent His Son into the World

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1D DISCUSS THE SON _____



Who do you think Jesus is? Why?

2D DECLARE THE SON _____



God so loved the world that he sent his Son.

The good news is that God lovingly sent his Son, Jesus, to rescue us. He came from heaven to save our broken world and to shine his light into our darkened hearts. Jesus taught us that by following Him as King we could have a relationship with God and one day, live in his kingdom forever. He challenged us to love God and others first. He used his great power to heal our sadness, sickness, suffering, and pain.



John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (ESV)

ROLE-PLAY

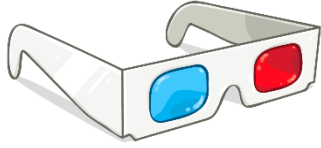
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3D DEFEND THE SON _____

WATCH VIDEO "A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg - or he would be the devil of hell. You must take your choice. Either this was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse..." – CS Lewis **Which is it? Is Jesus a GREAT _____ ?**

1. **LIAR?** Jesus **KNEW** he was not God, deceiving many.
2. **LUNATIC?** Jesus **THOUGHT** he was God, but really was not.
3. **LORD?** Jesus **KNEW** he was God and told the truth.



3CROWNS IN 3D (JAN)

► **WATCH THE 3RD CROWN:** Jesus Died, was Raised and Restored to His Throne

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1D DISCUSS THE GOSPEL _____



Why do you think Jesus died on the cross?

2D DECLARE THE GOSPEL _____



Jesus died, was raised and restored to His throne.

Jesus lived sinless life and then paid for our sins on the cross. Miraculously, three days after Jesus died and was buried in a tomb, He was raised to life again! He defeated sin, death, and the powers of darkness!

After appearing to hundreds of eyewitnesses, and teaching for forty days, He ascended back to heaven.

Jesus now rules and reigns over God's kingdom as Lord of all. This is the third crown. Christ is King.



Romans 5:8 "...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (ESV)

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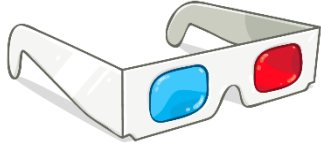
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3D DEFEND THE GOSPEL _____

WATCH VIDEO: Why Did Jesus Have to Die?

- Whenever true mercy is granted, someone else pays the price.
- For example, if I freely forgive you for breaking my phone, I personally absorb the cost.
- Only the cross reconciles God's mercy and justice. God forgives sin and also pays its penalty.



3CROWNS IN 3D (FEB)

► **WATCH THE SPIRIT-BORN CHURCH:** We are Raised and Restored in Jesus Christ

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1D DISCUSS THE SPIRIT _____



Have you been born again (of the Spirit; see John 3)?

2D DECLARE THE SPIRIT _____



God's Spirit raises our spirits and, in Christ, restores us to God.

God has sent His Spirit to open hearts and minds to this Good News. We are raised from spiritual death to life – born again! The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in us, unites us to Christ, restores us to God, and glorifies us on the final day. God's Spirit empowers and enables us to follow Jesus as King and to fulfill His mission to love the world and spread this story through the Church.



Romans 8:11 "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. (ESV)

ROLE-PLAY

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3D DEFEND THE SPIRIT _____

WATCH VIDEO: Five Proofs of the Resurrection

We know God's Spirit raised Jesus to life, because...

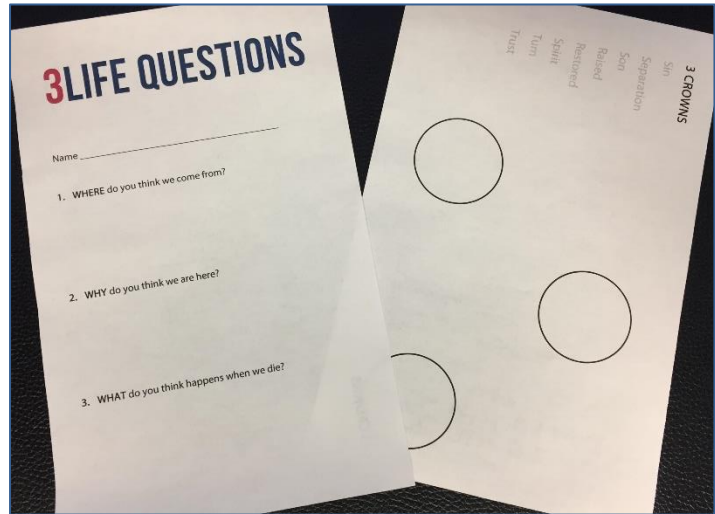
1. The first witnesses were women.
2. The ancient prophecies were fulfilled.
3. The tomb was empty (no body).
4. The risen Jesus appeared to hundreds.
5. The risen Jesus changes lives.

3LIFE QUESTIONS SURVEY (MAR)

► **WATCH THE BIG QUESTION:** Which Circle Describes Your Life?

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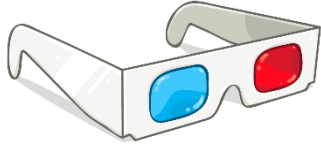
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3CROWNS IN 3D (APR)

► **WATCH THE NEXT STEP:** Be Curious, Be Bold, Be Yourself

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1D DISCUSS BE CURIOUS _____

ACTIVITY: Have the assigned student leader go up to the whiteboard. As a large group, shout out good questions you can ask your friends to get into spiritual conversations. Have the student leader write them up on the board and discuss what makes them a good (or not so good) question to break the ice.

2D DISCUSS BE BOLD _____

Have the assigned student read **Romans 10:13-15** to the club followed with this group question.

"Stefan said, 'Evangelism is nothing if it is not done.' He used the story of reading books about fitness versus going to the gym. Knowledge alone won't make you fit – you must put it into practice!

According to Romans 10, why must we DO evangelism?" (Discuss as a club)

PRAYING FOR BOLDNESS ACTS 4:24-31

Break into small groups and read Acts 4:24-31 out loud together. Then spend some time praying like these early Christians. Ask God to fill you with his Spirit. Ask God for boldness. Ask God to do miracles in your friends' lives through your life, message, and witness. Ask God for courage to overcome fear. Pray through the text, turning Acts 4 into your own prayer for boldness!

3D DISCUSS BE YOURSELF _____

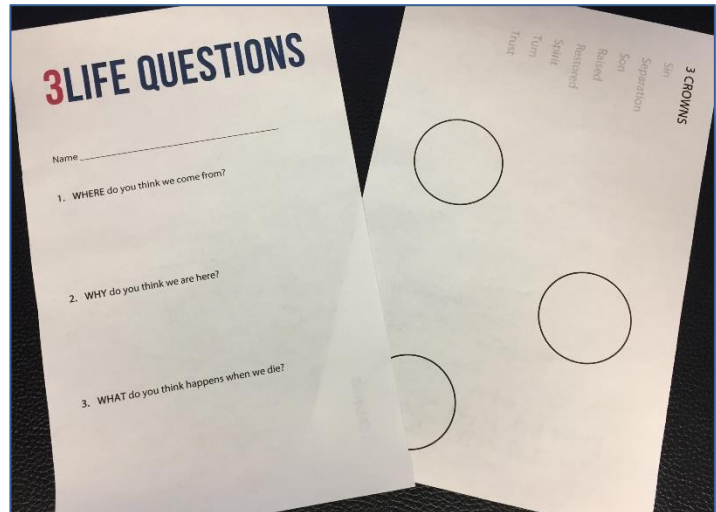
Remain in your small groups and discuss these four questions with your remaining time.

1. What three words you would use to describe yourself (funny, intellectual, caring, a good listener, a fast talker, etc.)?
2. How can these three traits be helpful in evangelism?
3. How might these trait be a hindrance to evangelism?
4. What will you do this summer to help you grow in sharing your faith?

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