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Why did Jesus die on the cross? Jesus died to rescue us from our sin by taking the punishment we deserved. The Bible says that all of us have sinned against God by breaking his law and doing things that displease him. Because God is holy and just, he must punish sin. The punishment for sin is death. But in his mercy and kindness, God sent his Son Jesus into the world. Jesus lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father. He never sinned, not even one time. He died on the cross to take the punishment for all those who trust in him.

What does it mean to be crucified with Christ? Do I actually have to be nailed to a cross like Jesus? No. It means that when you trust in Jesus, you die to your old way of living. You no longer want to live as the king of your own life, selfishly doing what you want to do. Instead, you want to live with Jesus as your king. You want to say and do things that are pleasing to Jesus. Of course, you cannot do this in your own strength. You must continually trust Jesus to help you as you seek to obey and follow him in all you say and do.

What are some ways we can live to please Jesus?

1. By delighting in God's Word (Psalm 1:1-2). Reading and memorizing the Bible is a great way to do this.
2. By confessing your sins (Proverbs 28:13). Are there any sins you need to confess to God? To your parents?
3. By serving others (Mark 10:45). What's one way you can serve your mom or dad this week?
4. By loving others (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). What's one way you can show love to your brother or sister this week?