



Teen Scene

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Q. Three things you like about your church?

A. People, service, and everything about it

Q. Three things you don't like?

A. There is nothing I don't like.

Q. What does Lent mean to you?

A. It means a time when we can actually experience what Christ went through and what he had to give up when he fasted for 40 days. When we give up something, we kind of experience what He went through, but in a smaller way.

Q. What does His Resurrection mean to you?

A. It gives me and my friends a new sense of hope in beginning anew, or during the year, if things are going bad, it gives us a new sense of hope.

Q. What does "sin" according to you?

A. Sin shows me we are all human and that no one is perfect. And that we can correct things to make ourselves better and more like God.

Q. What does Christ's Sacrificing His life mean for you?

A. To me, sacrifice is a way that we can give up something for someone else even though it makes us lose something. But in your losing something, the other will gain something better for themselves. Christ sacrificed himself and that sacrifice gave us access to heaven and to His Holy Home. If we sacrifice something that we love, and someone gains something from that sacrifice, that is devoted love.

Q. Is "forgiveness" meaningful to you?

A. Forgiveness is meaningful to me because even when people have done something wrong against you, you can do something positive to make up for it. And when you have done something wrong, you want that second chance to prove yourself. Otherwise you feel crushed and defeated. When someone offers forgiveness, it gives you a chance to become a better person.

Q. In school you chose a religious theme for your art project. Why?

A. For our first art project we had to chose a picture with our hands as the subject. Most chose a guitar or a favorite animal. I decided to do something close to my heart. I found my old crucifix. It was real close to my heart because I got it at my first year of camp. I had such a good time there and learned a lot. I wrapped it around my hands, took a picture of it and drew it in graphite.

Q. What other artwork have you done?

A. My grandmother lives in South Dakota. She loves to attend our church, so I drew a graphite sketch of our church as a Christmas present to her. I hope to use the sketch as a fund-raiser to raise money for the upcoming Youth Camp.

