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Would you ever volunteer to take someone else's punishment? You might, if you *really* liked that person or they had been *really* nice to you. But what if they were your enemy?

The Bible says all of us have sinned against God (Romans 3:23), and that the punishment for sin is death (Romans 6:23). Yet even when we were God's enemies, God sent his Son Jesus to die for us, to take the punishment for our sins. The cross of Jesus shows us how much God loves us. No one can ever love you more or better than Jesus!

Now that you know Jesus died for you, how should you respond to him? You must trust and believe in Jesus.

Pretend someone is trapped in a burning house. Down below a fireman is holding out his arms and telling him to jump into his arms. The person knows that firemen are there to help. He knows that the fireman has probably had lots of practice saving people from fires. But will the trapped person really trust the fireman enough to actually jump into his arms? Or will he try to find a different way of escape, because he's not really sure the fireman will be able to save him?

Trusting and believing in Jesus means putting your confidence in him alone, because you know that he died to take the punishment for your sin - the punishment that *you* deserved.