The RAGMAN: Jesus





Introduction:

How is it even possible that we can even experience this belonging? It's only through Jesus, who is our Ragman. The ragman walked through town taking on people's burdens, taking away their pain and making it his own. This is exactly what Jesus did with our sins. He took our sins upon himself and made us whole once again, giving us belonging with Him, and the cross is how it was done!

Discussion:

The story of the Ragman is intense but full of truth. It is a perfect reflection of Jesus.

- -What were your feelings about the skit?
- -Would you say you've experienced that type of belonging here at ACAC? If yes, when?
- -Jesus took on all of our sins. What does that mean to you? (This could be a telling time, to see if they "get it" or not. You may end up staying here and explaining from your own life what it means to you)

Explanation:

Jesus when he died on the cross he suffered a BRUTAL death, even worse than the Ragman's looked. It was a bloody, horrific death and he did it for you and for me!

- -Hearing that Christ died for you, how does that make you feel like you can have belonging with him?
- Why do you think Jesus would go through that?

Application:

Jesus is the answer to "where do ibelong". He makes it possible.

- -READ 1 Peter 2:24,1 John 2:1-2 and Matthew 27:32-55
- -It was done for you and for all of us! We must believe it and have faith that Jesus died for us.
- -FOR TAKE HOME- Challenge the teens to seek out if they believe that Christ died for them. Share with them what it means to and for you personally. Challenge them to take that step if they never have before.

