



SURFER JESUS

JESUS REVEALS HIMSELF AS GOD

GOAL

The goal of *Surfer Jesus* is to help teens develop a deeper understanding of who Jesus is, leading them beyond their initial “nice guy” impression and into an intimate relationship with Jesus, the Son of God and Savior of the World.

KEY CONCEPTS

- Like our relationships with all people, our relationship and understanding of who Jesus is grows with time and we are continually called to know Him deeper and trust Him more.
- In Jesus’ teachings, while not explicitly saying that He is God, Jesus reveals Himself to be the Son of God.
- The name “Jesus” does not mean “gentle” or “nice” but “He who saves.” Jesus is our Savior. He does not take the path of least resistance but willingly enters into suffering and dies so that we might be saved.

KEY TERMS:

Jesus Christ
Son of God
Trust

SCRIPTURE:

Matthew 3:16-17
Matthew 16:13-17
John 10:30
Philippians 2:5-11

CATECHISM:

CCC 430
CCC 444-445
CCC 2086

ABOUT THIS LIFE NIGHT

This Life Night begins with a hilarious game that involves teens being assigned famous people and having to guess who they are based on what other teens say. The Proclaim looks at our misconceptions of who Jesus is, in order to give a clearer picture that Jesus is the Son of God. In the Break, the teens have time in small groups to look at different titles of Jesus and see what they mean to each of them personally. Finally, the Send gives the teens time to be with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. The image of “Surfer Jesus” is used throughout the Life Night to be an example of an image that we need to move past, not because it’s bad but because Jesus has a more complete image to give us.

ENVIRONMENT

Have an image of “Surfer Jesus” (“Head of Christ” by Richard Hook) as the central focus of the room. Around it, have other items found on a beach: towels, beach umbrellas, beach bags, beach balls, surf boards, boogie boards, hats and sunglasses, etc. Put on an ocean white noise soundtrack in the background. Consider having Core Members dressed as though they are going to the beach (be sure to keep it modest with one piece swimsuits and coverups). Instruct the Core Member to act nonchalant and extra relaxed and greet the teens as they come in.

MEDIA SUGGESTIONS

Life Teen: “Oops, That’s Heresy!” (Life Support: September 2017)

LULANKO: “Relaxing Sound of Ocean Waves Crashing (10Hrs) WHITE NOISE, Sleep” (youtube.com)

“One Solitary Life,” EDGE Video Support, August 2015 (lifeteen.com)