DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Take turns asking these questions. (But it's OK to pass.) Let everyone share what they think. ASK THE QUESTIONS IN ORDER. KEEP THE NEXT CARDS COVERED.

4 THE ESSENCE OF RELIGION

Some say, "All religions are the same." Whether you agree or not, what do you think they mean ... What does "religion" (in general) want us to do?

(Limited time, brief answer, do your best)

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COMPARING OUR DRAWINGS...

... is a metaphor for LIFE.

We compared our DRAWINGS just now. Do we tend to compare our LIVES to the people around us?

When would that make us feel good?When would it make us feel bad?

2 GETTING BETTER BY WORKING HARD

Can you get better at **DRAWING AN APPLE** if you work really hard at it?

Can we get better at RELIGIOUS LIFE if we work really hard at it?

3 REALITY CHECK

If you work VERY hard, can your drawing come alive, smell & taste good, and actually grow an apple tree?

Can living a good, moral, religious life make us alive on the inside?

5 IS JESUS DIFFERENT?

Did Jesus die on a Cross so he could inspire us to be more moral – to work hard, behave well, and not give God any trouble? Or did he pay for something different?

HINT: Think about the "apple" discussion.

6 LIMITATION

Based on what you know now, is that ... GOOD news BAD news

7 INVITATION

If you were very hungry, would you want to compare your drawing of an apple to everyone else's? Or would you just want a real apple?

What sort of life is Jesus inviting you into right now?