



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 11: God Justifies
Suggested Week of Use: November 15, 2020
Core Passage: Isaiah 53:1-12

News Story Summary

Naya Rivera, an actress from the TV show “Glee”, drowned recently after getting her four-year-old son to safety on their boat. She and her son had been swimming in Lake Piru in California. They swam back to the boat and Naya boosted her son back into the boat. When the boy turned around, he saw his mother disappear under the water. At a press conference, the sheriff indicated that the lake has strong currents in the afternoon and that the unanchored boat had drifted requiring them to swim farther than anticipated. Apparently, Naya found the energy to get her son back onto the boat but could not muster enough to save herself. Her body was discovered five days after her disappearance.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “Police Believe Naya Rivera Risked Her Life to Save Her Son”).

Focus Attention

To supplement the Discuss idea under Focus Attention, begin the step by telling the story of Naya Rivera and how she saved her son. Ask: *How do you think she found the energy to save her son? What impact might Naya’s sacrifice have on her son?* Invite volunteers to share how the person they named impacted their lives. Complete the step as written.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Pray idea under Summarize and Challenge, remind the group of Naya’s sacrificing herself to save her son. Ask: *When her son is an adult, what do you think he might say about his mother’s actions to save his life?* Give each person a sheet of paper and a pen or pencil. Instruct the group to write a short note to God about sacrificing His Son for us. Call for volunteers to share their responses. Close with prayer thanking God for what He has done for us through the death of Jesus.