



THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

MEMORY VERSE:

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **ROMANS 5:8**



1st – Warm-Up

DID YOU KNOW?

The record for the most sacrifice bunts in a MLB baseball career is currently held by Eddie Collins (2B) for the New York Yankees. He had **512** sacrifice bunts.



EDDIE COLLINS



2nd – Play Ball!

What is a sacrifice bunt or a sacrifice fly? Could you explain it to someone who had never played baseball before? How would you go about explaining it to someone so that it makes sense?

The sacrifice bunt or sacrifice fly is simply a play in baseball when the batter literally sacrifices (gives up a chance to get a hit) in order to move the runners on base up one base. In most cases, the batter will get out and head back to the dugout. The main difference is his coach and teammates are usually cheering on his failure to reach first because he put the team and other players ahead of himself and gave his them a chance to score.

Romans 5:8 basically says that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. The greatest sacrifice ever made took place when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came to earth and lived a perfect life so that He could be crucified on a cross as payment of OUR sins. He gave up Himself so that we might have life—abundant life. He did this while we were still sinners!

Jesus came to earth for one purpose. That purpose was to be the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. He came to earth to die for each of us. All we have to do is believe in Him. We must understand that He died for us. And, then we must turn our lives over to Him – BEGIN TO LIVE FOR HIM!

OH, BY THE WAY—LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT ON THE THIRD DAY AFTER HIS HORRIBLE DEATH, **JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND CONQUERED THE GRAVE!!** PRAISE THE LORD! LET'S THANK HIM TODAY FOR VICTORY IN JESUS.

Devotion taken from <http://www.fcabaseball.org>.

3rd – The 7th Inning Stretch

Ask your parents to log on to the internet and go to youtube.com. Search for “how to sacrifice bunt by Bill Springman.” Watch the video. **What did you learn from watching this video? Now, next time you bunt, what do you need to practice? What can you do to improve your bunting technique? The best bunters will usually be called on to lay down a crucial sacrifice bunt for the team.**



HOME – Crossing the Plate!

Next time one of your teammate gives up his bat (gets out) to move you over a base or to help you score a run, thank him. Also, when you get back in the dugout, pause and thank God for sending Christ to die for you so that you could be safe in Him!

HOMEWORK – Work on memorizing **ROMANS 5:8** (printed at top of page).

