

SUNDAY FUNDAY

NOVEMBER 22 , 2020

JESUS APPEARED TO THE DISCIPLES

GAME TIME

JESUS LOVES US

Teach the kids this new version of "Jesus Loves Me." Sing it together. Consider teaching the kids how to sing it as a round by forming three groups of kids.

"Jesus loves us—This we know.

Gave His life to tell us so,

On the third day rose again,

Then appeared to all His friends."

BIBLE STORY

Jesus Appeared to the Disciples Luke 24; John 20

On the first day of the week, in the evening, the disciples gathered together in a house. They locked the doors because they were afraid of the Jews. They didn't want to be killed like Jesus had been killed. But some of Jesus' disciples had reported seeing Him alive. Was it true?

As the disciples talked, Jesus appeared among them and said, "Peace to you!" The disciples were afraid! They thought they were seeing a ghost.

"It's Me!" Jesus said. "Look at Me and touch Me. A ghost does not have flesh and bones, but I do." Jesus showed His disciples His hands and His side. They saw His wounds. The disciples rejoiced because they were so happy to see Jesus!

The disciples gave Jesus some fish to eat. Jesus talked to them and explained the Bible to them. "The Bible is about Me," Jesus said. He helped them understand how the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms told about Him.

Then Jesus told the disciples that they had a job to do. Jesus had died and was raised from the dead so that people could be forgiven for their sins. The disciples needed to tell other people to repent from their sins and be forgiven.

Jesus said, "God sent Me to earth, and in the same way, I am sending you."

One of Jesus' disciples, Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus visited them. He did not believe that Jesus was alive. Thomas said, "I want to see and touch the holes in His hands and His side, or I will never believe!"

CHRIST CONNECTION: For 40 days, Jesus presented Himself to more than 500 people and proved that He is alive. Jesus is still alive today. We have not seen Jesus, but if we believe in Him, we will be blessed. He sends out believers to tell others about Him and gives us power through the Holy Spirit.

SAY: Jesus' death and resurrection showed His incredible love for us. Then, Jesus appeared to His friends, the disciples. Today we will learn more about that!

WHAT'S IN THE BOX?

Before starting, cut an opening in a shoebox just large enough for kids to fit their hand through. Put a random object inside the box.

Choose a volunteer to place their hand inside a box without looking inside. Instruct them to describe how the item feels. Challenge the rest of the players to guess the item. After several guesses, pull the item out of the box. Repeat with different items as time allows.

SAY: Describing something to others when they can't see it for themselves can be difficult. They may not even believe what you're saying is true. This was the case for many of Jesus' disciples. Some had reported that Jesus was alive, but others couldn't believe it until they saw with their own eyes. Let's listen to how Jesus revealed Himself and proved He is alive.



A week later, Thomas was with the disciples when Jesus appeared again. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at My hands. Reach out and touch My side. Don't be an unbeliever; believe!"

Thomas did believe. "My Lord and my God!" he said.

Jesus said, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Those who believe in Me without seeing Me are blessed."