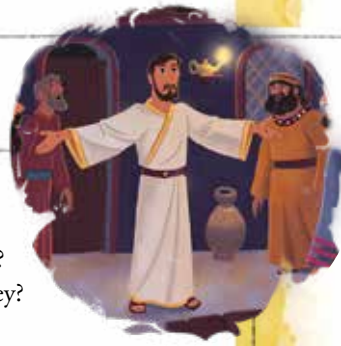


Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Why is it important that so many people saw Jesus alive after the resurrection?
- What is faith? (See Hebrews 11:1.)
- What do you think it would be like to see Jesus face to face?

Jesus Appeared to the Disciples

Luke 24; John 20

STORY POINT: JESUS PROVED HE IS ALIVE.

The disciples gathered together in a house. 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. Jesus showed His disciples His hands and His side. The disciples 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.

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.

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!"

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."

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.



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What's Missing? | Identify the six items from the first picture that are missing in the second picture.



True or False | Circle the letter to indicate if the statement is true or false. Then write out the circled letters to discover a command Jesus gave to Thomas.

Thomas,

_____!

True False

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| B | A Jesus said the Bible is all about Him. |
| E | R The disciples thought Jesus was a ghost. |
| S | L John was missing when Jesus appeared. |
| U | I The disciples were afraid of the Greeks. |
| E | C Jesus ate fish. |
| V | T Jesus told the disciples to teach about Him. |
| D | E The disciples gathered on the last day of the week. |