

KIDTOWN GUIDE

Preschool

DATE: 11/22/20

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24

LESSON: Jesus Appeared to the Disciples



INTRO

Parents say to your kid(s) - Jesus had risen from the dead! Only a few disciples had seen Him! If you were a disciple and hadn't seen Jesus yet, do you think you would have believed that He was alive?

Find the Jesus Figure - Choose a small object to represent Jesus, such as a person figure, doll, or block. You may also print and cut out a picture from online. Hide "Jesus" somewhere in the room. Encourage children to find the object. When the Jesus figure has been found, invite kids to take turns hiding the figure for others to find.

Parents Say: Jesus had died on the cross, but His disciples had heard that He was alive. A few of them had even seen Him, but most had not. Do you think the disciples who had not seen Jesus looked for Him wherever they went? (Allow responses) I know I would! The disciples loved Jesus and wanted to see Him alive again! In today's story, Jesus appeared to His disciples. Listen to what happened!



LESSON - JESUS APPEARED TO THE DISCIPLES

Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Appeared to the Disciples](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Many disciples didn't believe Jesus was alive until they saw Him! (Kids repeat!)

A few of the disciples had seen Jesus, but not all of them. Word had gotten out that Jesus was alive, but many still didn't believe it to be true. When Jesus appeared to His disciples in the house, they thought He was a ghost until He showed them He was really Jesus by touching His hands and side. One disciple named Thomas refused to believe until He saw Jesus and was able to know for sure He was alive. When Jesus showed Thomas the holes in His hands from the nails on the cross, Thomas cried out, "My Lord, my God!" Jesus was kind to show himself to Thomas, but He wanted Thomas to believe even though he hadn't seen Him. Jesus wants the same for us, too!

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

We are blessed when we believe in Jesus! ! (Kids repeat!)

Sometimes we might feel like Thomas. We want to see Jesus with our eyes so we can believe in Him. Jesus told Thomas that we are blessed if we believe in Him without having to see Him! We can trust God's Word that tells us that Jesus died and rose again. We can trust God's Word that says Jesus is preparing a place for us in heaven and one day we will see Him Face to Face! We can trust the Holy Spirit when He shows us things, brings us joy and comfort and helps us fight the sin in our lives! Believing in Jesus is the most important thing we can do in this life!



RESPONSE

Sing: [Live](#) (Key Passage Song)
[Good Good Father](#)

Pray: Jesus, help us believe in You even when we cannot see you! Help us to trust your Word and Your Holy Spirit working within us. We love you!

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story?
- What did the disciples think Jesus was when they first saw Him? *A ghost*
- Who wanted to see Jesus before believing and touch the holes in His hands? *Thomas*
- Did Thomas believe when He saw Jesus? *Yes*
- What did Jesus say about those who believe in Him without seeing? *They are blessed*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
 - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out.*
 - *If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at hdisbrow@midtowncolumbia.com*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Play Out Emotions- Comment that not only our faces show when we are happy, sad, and scared, but our bodies do too. Show preschoolers how you act when you are happy, sad, and scared. Retell the Bible story, leading preschoolers to play out how the disciples felt with their faces and bodies.

- Jesus' disciples locked the doors to the house they were in. How did they feel?
- Some of Jesus' other disciples said they had seen Jesus alive. How did the rest of the disciples feel?
- Jesus came and stood right there in the room with His disciples. How did they feel?
- Jesus showed His disciples His hands and His side where He had been hurt. How did they feel?
- Jesus' disciple, Thomas, was not there when Jesus appeared to the others. How did he feel?
- Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples when Thomas was there. How did he feel?

Say - God made Jesus alive again! That's the best reason of all to have a smile on our face!