Children's

During this time at home, we are missing meeting together at Adventurers, Mother's & Toddlers, Saturday Football and our regular Sunday services.

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Jesus Appears to His Disciples

The aim of the activity sheets we will be sending out is to get all the family involved by learning together, crafting and talking about the reason Easter is so special and more about Jesus who helps us in these difficult times. Start with the 'Bible Passage' box and continue in any order from there.

Bible Passage

Today we will be learning about Jesus appearing to His disciples after the ressurection.

You can find it in your Bible in:

John 20 v 19-31

Read the story together – choose a translation or children's bible which will be easy to read as a group. (If you don't have a bible you can download one for free on your phone or use biblegateway.com)

Psalm 56 v 3 "When I am afraid, I

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When you feel sad or worried it can be hard to be glad but we know that even though we cant see Jesus we can believe in Him and He is always with us.

Prayer

Make a list together of anything you are afraid/worried about or some people that you are missing because you haven't seen them for a while.

Pray for the things/people on your list.

A Question for Children to ask Parents: Can you think of a time when you were scared but had to be brave? (children can you think of a time like this too?)

Questions for Parents to ask Children: Which disciple was not there when Jesus appeared to the disciples? What did Thomas say he needed before he would believe it was Jesus who had appeared to them?

Older Children (or parents): read v30-31 out loud. What do you think this means for us today?

The disciples were scared because lots of people were trying to find them and harm them, then suddenly Jesus was in the room with them even though the door was locked. They realised He must be risen from the dead! Thomas was not there when this happened and said that he couldn't believe it unless he saw Jesus. This is why you may hear the phrase 'doubting Thomas'. V30-31 show us that John could've written many more amazing things about Jesus but all the things in his gospel are to help us believe even though we haven't seen him face to face like Thomas.

Family Activity

"I don't believe it!" - an imagination game

All sit in a circle – the first person describes something they are imagining is in the middle of the circle. e.g. "Look there is a pink frog!" Somebody else then replies "I don't believe it!" "What do you see then?" says the first person. The new person must then describe something even more impossible. See how imaginative and ridiculous you can get with your descriptions! This game reminds us of Thomas who wouldn't believe that Jesus was alive until he could see him!

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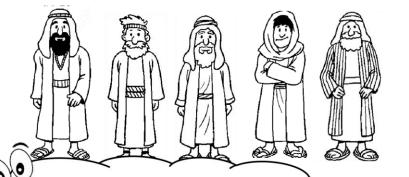
Thomas said he would not believe that Jesus was alive until he had seen him with his own eyes. How many pairs of eyes can you find hidden on the page?

When Jesus rose from the dead he visited his friends the disciples. Can you pair up the matching disciples and find the odd one out who is missing a partner?

Colour in the picture so that the pairs still match!







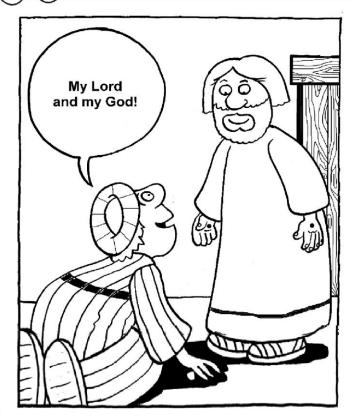
The disciples were surprised and scared when Jesus appeared to them – draw someone who is surprised in the space below.

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There are 9 differences between the two pictures can you spot them all?





There are 7 pairs of eyes hidden on the page