

Jesus Appears to the Disciples and to Thomas - John 20:19-29

I wonder what was it like to see Jesus after he came back to life?

I wonder what was it like to walk and talk to Jesus again?

I wonder why his followers were afraid?

I wonder what happened when Jesus breathed on his disciples?

I wonder why Thomas needed to see Jesus' hands and feet before he could believe?

I wonder why this story is important for us to know?

If Jesus Came to my House

Jesus appeared to the disciples several times before ascending into heaven. He wanted to be with his friends and spend time with them before he left.

Invite your children to think about what they would do or say if Jesus was to appear in your home. Encourage them to write or draw their response to the following statement:

“If Jesus came to my house, I would....”

I wonder if you would be afraid?

I wonder what you would say to him?

I wonder what you would do with him?

Be the Hands of Jesus

Jesus invites us to follow him by serving others.

On paper strips, write down as many ways you can think to serve others, putting one idea on each strip of paper. Fold up the strips and put them in a basket. Every day this week, choose one of your ways to serve other people.

For older children

Doubting Thomas

Sometimes when you hear the names of the disciples, Thomas is described as “doubting Thomas” because he wouldn't believe it was Jesus until he could see his scarred hands and feet as proof.

I wonder if you would have needed to see Jesus' wounds?

I wonder what Jesus thought about Thomas' doubts? Was he sad, angry, or did he understand why it was hard to believe?

Write an acrostic poem or story about Thomas and the disciples using the letters D-O-U-B-T as your base. (Remember that a poem doesn't always need to rhyme.) Here's how Suzetta is starting her story:

D - Do you remember the story of Thomas, one of the disciples who followed Jesus?