

TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

On the first Easter morning, two women named Mary went to visit Jesus' tomb, but when they got there, it was empty. An angel told them, "He is not here. He is risen, just as he said he would!" Those were the best words they could ever hear—Jesus is alive!

Jesus' disciples were in a house with the door closed and locked. Without even opening the door, Jesus appeared in the room with them. He showed the disciples his hands and his side so they could see where He was hurt from being nailed to the cross. The disciples were so, so happy—Jesus is alive!

There was one disciple named Thomas who wasn't with the others when Jesus visited. The other disciples told Thomas, "We have seen the Lord. Jesus is alive!" But Thomas couldn't believe it. He said, "Until I see and touch where the nails hurt him, I won't believe that Jesus is alive!"

A while later, Thomas and the disciples were in the house again. Suddenly, Jesus showed up. Thomas was so surprised. Jesus said to Thomas, "Look at my hands. Touch where the nails hurt me." Thomas touched Jesus' wounds. It was true! Thomas finally believed it—Jesus is alive!

The disciples went to a mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw Jesus, they worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "You must GO and tell everyone in the world about me. Teach them to obey everything I have taught you. And you can know this is true—I am always with you, even to the very end."

THE BIG IDEA: I CAN TELL EVERYONE THAT JESUS IS ALIVE!
BIBLE BASIS: MATTHEW 28:6

ACTIVITY: APRIL 19, 2020

Jesus Is Alive (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide and crayons

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a praise picture for Jesus. It can be any drawing that shows Jesus how much they love Him. When finished, have the children show their drawing and tell about it.

Question: Why do you think Thomas had a hard time believing that Jesus was alive?

Question: Who could you go and tell about Jesus? What will you say to them?

Say: In today's story, the disciple's worshipped Jesus when they saw that He was alive. When you worship Jesus, you tell Him how special He is. Let's say a prayer and tell Jesus why we think He's so special.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by telling Jesus why you think He's special.

