

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Parents: We have all felt hopeless before. There are hopeless moments that can drag into hours, days, and weeks. The disciples felt this way in the chaos of Jesus' death. They missed their friend, they were scared for their lives, they were confused and decided to isolate themselves. But Jesus beat their fears. He conquered death and the grave. Jesus knew where His disciples were and appeared to them. He found them and did everything He could to reassure them that their situation was not hopeless. He knows how to find us, too. I know we all can't wait to see our friends and family again in the chaos of our world. We wish we were with them today on Easter. We imagine hugging them and spending every minute together. Imagine doing that with Jesus. Even though we can't see Him, we see Him at work. He is with us everywhere and just imagine the day when we get to see Him face to face.

Read: Luke 24:36-44

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Discuss: What did Jesus say to His disciples? Peace be with you.

Why were the disciples shocked to see Jesus? They saw Jesus die a few days earlier and didn't know how He could be alive again.

Jesus assured the disciples and helped them by appearing to them. What do you know about Jesus? *He loves us and is always with us just like He was with the disciples.*

Key Point: Jesus is always with you.

Jesus (Index finger on opposite palm, opposite index finger on other palm) Is always with you. (Hands out in front and open up to the side.)

Family Activity: Jesus is with us wherever we go. Jesus is our King of Kings and deserves all of our praise. We honor Him and thank Him. He promises to be with us always, wherever we go. To help us remember, print the image of Jesus on cardstock. Color, cut out, and take it with you this week to remember Jesus is always with you. Check out this video to hear a complete CWLK Kids Lesson. <u>CWLK Kids Video: April 12, 2020</u> We'd love to be inspired by you. Send photos to andrea@cwlk.church.

Prayer: Dear Jesus. We praise you! You did it! You rose from the dead and saved us. We thank you for being our Savior and for being with us always. We thank you and love you and praise you in song. Amen. <u>SONG: Joyful Noise</u>.

Next Steps: Memorize the key point and say it to yourself as you take Jesus with you this week.





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