

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Preschool Sunday School Material for April 26, 2020

Dear Preschool Parents,

The Sunday School curriculum for Sunday, April 26, focuses on the story of Thomas from John 20:24-31. Use the information below to share the story together and do follow-up activities with your child(ren). As you share the story, also have a Bible available and show the children where it is located.

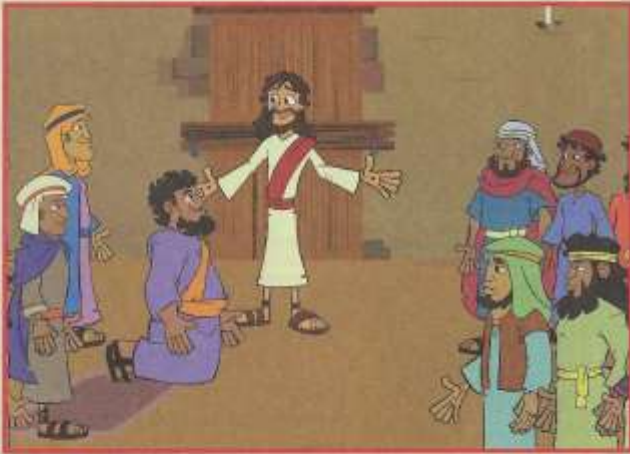
Center yourself for your time together by singing:

Time to Get Together

(Tune: The More We Get Together)

It's time to get together, together, together.
It's time to get together and listen right now.
'Cause we'll hear a story that's found in the Bible.
It's time to get together and listen right now.

Read the Bible story together (Thomas Believes)



DEEP BLUE **Loving God, Loving Neighbor** SESSION **9**

Thomas Believes

Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! (Mark 11:9)

Read the Bible Story Together: Follow the Suggested Motions

Many friends were gathered together in a room. Suddenly, Jesus appeared. *(Look surprised.)* They were very happy to see Jesus. *(Jump up and down.)* Thomas was not with the friends that day.

Thomas did not believe his friends when they told him Jesus was alive. *(Shake head no.)* Thomas's friends said, "Believe, believe, believe!" *(Repeat, "Believe, believe, believe!")*

"I do not believe; do not, do not!" Thomas replied. *(Shake head no and repeat, "I do not, do not, do not!")*

Later, the friends were all in a room together with Thomas. The doors were locked, but Jesus suddenly appeared! *(Look surprised.)*

Jesus said to Thomas, "Now do you believe, believe, believe?" *(Repeat, "Believe, believe, believe!")*

Thomas said, "You are Jesus! Yes, I believe, believe, believe!" *(Repeat, "Believe, believe, believe!")*

"Happy are people who cannot see me, but still believe, believe, believe!" *(Shout, "I believe, I believe, I believe!")*

Based on John 20:24-31

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Follow-Up Activities:

Discussion:

Ask: Is it hard for you to believe something if you do not see it?

Say: For a man in our Bible story today it was. Thomas was not in the room with his friends when Jesus appeared to them. When they told Thomas what had happened, Thomas didn't believe them. Sometimes it is hard to believe all that we hear and read from our Bible. But, we know that God's words are true and that we can believe them always. To believe them is to have faith. It is hard sometimes, but remember, God sent Jesus to be with you and to help you!

Curriculum Video: (This week's lesson will be E9)

<https://my.amplifymedia.com/amplify/series/unitedmethodistpublishinghouse/33162-deep-blue-connects-adventure-spring-2020>

Songs:

Jesus Helps Us

(Tune: London Bridge)

Jesus helps us follow in his steps
Follow in his steps,
Follow in his steps.
Jesus helps us follow in his steps
Because he loves us!

(Repeat)

Jesus Is Alive!

(Tune: The Farmer in the Dell)

Jesus is alive!
Jesus is alive!
The tomb is empty.
He is not there.
Jesus is alive!

1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Jesus Is Alive

(Tune: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 I Caught A Fish Alive)

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, I know that Jesus Is Alive
6, 7, 8, 9, 10, He died for me, then rose again.
Why did he have to die?
So I could have eternal life.
Where does He live today?
In Heaven, but He hears me pray.

Paper Craft Activity:

- I Believe – paper craft *(See the second to last page for this activity.)*
- Color Activity Sheet *(See the last page for this activity sheet.)* As the children color encourage them to share what they remember about the pictures and the Bible stories that go with them.
Say: Thomas finally believed that Jesus was alive. Today we have lots of things that remind us that Jesus is alive. Can you think of some of those things?
Ask: What is your favorite way to remember Jesus is with us?

Blessing and Prayer Time:

Blessing: Have your child out their hand and trace a cross on the back of their hand as you say the following;

Say: _____ (child's name), **Jesus loves you. Jesus blesses you. Jesus is always with you.**

Prayer: (It might be something like)

Dear God, thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. Our trust and faith in You, helps us believe that Jesus is alive and with us always! Amen.

Faith Family Follow-Up activities to use through the week:

Note: For the Serving Time activity – This was written in a pre-social distancing time. (*Alternative Suggestion is as follows.*)

For the Serving Time activity – You may not have the items available to make a catnip toy and be able to donate to a shelter, but you can instead pray for all animals to find good homes.

The image shows a collage of four activity cards from a resource titled "Loving God, Loving Neighbor" (Session 9). The cards are arranged in a 2x2 grid and are titled "Faith Family Activities".

- Serving Time:** Includes a photo of a child with a cat. Text: "Be Together: Make catnip toys out of old socks. Instructions can be found here: <https://www.curbly.com/diy-cat-toys>. Deliver the catnip toys to a local animal rescue. Pray Together: Help all the animals find good homes. Amen."
- Travel Time:** Includes a photo of a child looking out a window. Text: "Be Together: Sing, 'Jesus Is Alive!' to the tune of 'The Farmer in the Dell' (Bible Story Sheets—Songs) as you travel."
- Family Time:** Includes a photo of a family playing games. Text: "Be Together: Declare a day as Family Game Day. Play outdoor games during the day and board games at night. Let each family member pick at least one game. Wonder Together: Do you think Thomas and his friends played games?"
- Bedtime:** Includes a photo of a child in bed. Text: "Be Together: Read 'Thomas Believes' on the other side of this sheet and do the suggested motions together. Pray Together: Help me to believe, even when I don't see something with my own eyes. Amen."

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Do You Believe? (Game)

Tell your child(ren) that you are going to play a game. They are to stand up if they believe what you say is true.

Some statements to use. I believe... the wind blows, God loves me, Jesus is alive, all trees are purple, that chair is green, I am growing taller, etc.

Say: The wind blows, but we can't see it. Jesus is alive, but we can't see him. These things we believe, even if we don't see them.

Ask: What do you believe about Jesus?

Remember to gather at 10:30am to watch our Sunday morning service on KATV!

Believing

Punch out the two circles below. Place a craft stick in between the two circles, coming out from the bottom to use as a handle. Make sure the words are facing up. Glue the craft stick to the circles, sandwiching the craft stick in between.





9. Thomas Believes (John 20:24-31)

Remembering Jesus

