

“Doubting”

Bible verse: “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20:29

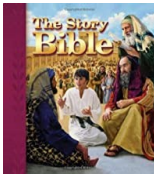
Say

Here is the Bible God gave me.
 What does Jesus tell me? Let’s look and see.
 The Bible says,
 “Blessed are those
 Who have not seen
 And yet have believed.”

Do

Open hands like a book.
 Shade eyes with hands.
 Open hands like a book.
 Hug self.
 Cover eyes.
 Make a cross with fingers.

Plenty of people are like Thomas. They refuse to believe anything they can’t see and touch. They think we are foolish to believe that God created the world or that Jesus rose from the dead. They think they are smarter than that. God is so much bigger, stronger, and smarter than any of us will ever be. If He tells us something in His Bible, we can believe it and we should believe it, no matter what people in our world think and no matter how smart they seem to be.



Read the Lesson ~ “Jesus Dies and Rises to Save Us”

The Story Bible ~ “Jesus Appears to Thomas” Pg. 412

The Bible ~ John 20:19-31

ASK:

- ◆ How do you know whether something is true or real?
- ◆ The other disciples told Thomas all about Jesus appearing to them. Why did Thomas not believe that Jesus had risen?
- ◆ What does Thomas say he needs to see to believe?
- ◆ What does Jesus say in John 20:29?

DO:

Go on a walk maybe use a blind-fold for part of it.
 Play a guessing game: Real or Not? Include some things that we believe but that we cannot see. *Ex. I see a bear or I see a cat.*

PRAY:

Lord Jesus, thank You for showing Yourself to Thomas so he could stop being so stubborn and know that You are really alive again. Help me trust everything You say. Amen.

Key Point of the Lesson

We, like Thomas, often doubt what we cannot see. Through His Spirit, God gives us eyes of faith that we might see Jesus in Word and Sacrament and believe in Him.

Law / Gospel

Even though parts of God’s Word can be hard to understand, I sin when I trust my own thoughts when they contradict God’s Word to me. The Holy Spirit gives me eyes of faith to believe that Jesus died and rose for my salvation and fills my heart with peace.

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP TIME

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

P: **Amen.**

L: O Lord, in the morning You hear my voice;

P: **In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch. (Psalm 5:3)**

L: My mouth is filled with Your praise,

P: **And with Your glory all the day. (Psalm 71:8)**

L: O Lord, open my lips,

P: **And my mouth will declare Your praise. (Psalm 71:8)**

L: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

P: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" LSB 457 or "You Can't Keep Jesus Love in a Box"

www.youtube.com/watch?v=BjwBtiO2IrY

Devotional Talk: *An adult or older child can read this to the family.*

I Doubt It: John 20:19-31

It's one week since we celebrated Easter. Maybe you finished your Easter candy, but Easter isn't over. We're not done celebrating. No way! For us, each Sunday is a little Easter. Each Sunday is a chance to rejoice in our Savior's victory. So let's be Easter people. Let's give each other an Easter greeting.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Today's Gospel reading is from the Book of John. Part of the reading is about when Jesus appeared behind locked doors to the disciples on the evening of Easter Day. Now, that was a surprise! Jesus' first words to them were "Peace be with you." The second part of the reading takes place a week later.

Thomas, who didn't see Jesus on that first Easter evening, doubted that Jesus was alive. He didn't have faith. Thomas said, "Unless I see in (Jesus') hands the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

Eight days after Easter, Jesus appeared to the disciples again. This time, Thomas was there. And Jesus invited him to touch and believe. At that powerful moment, Thomas confessed Jesus was his Lord and God.

Today is the eighth day of the Easter season. Today there are many people in the world who do not believe in Jesus. You may know some of them. They may doubt; they may have no faith in Him. Can Jesus appear to them? Sure. He can and does. He comes to them through God's Word and in the waters of Baptism connected to God's name. Through these, The Holy Spirit gives us faith to confess that Jesus truly is our Lord and God.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we celebrated Easter last week. Help us not doubt, but live with joy in our hearts and tell others about Jesus love He showed us when He died and rose from the grave for us! We pray this in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples



Jesus said, “ _____ be with you!”

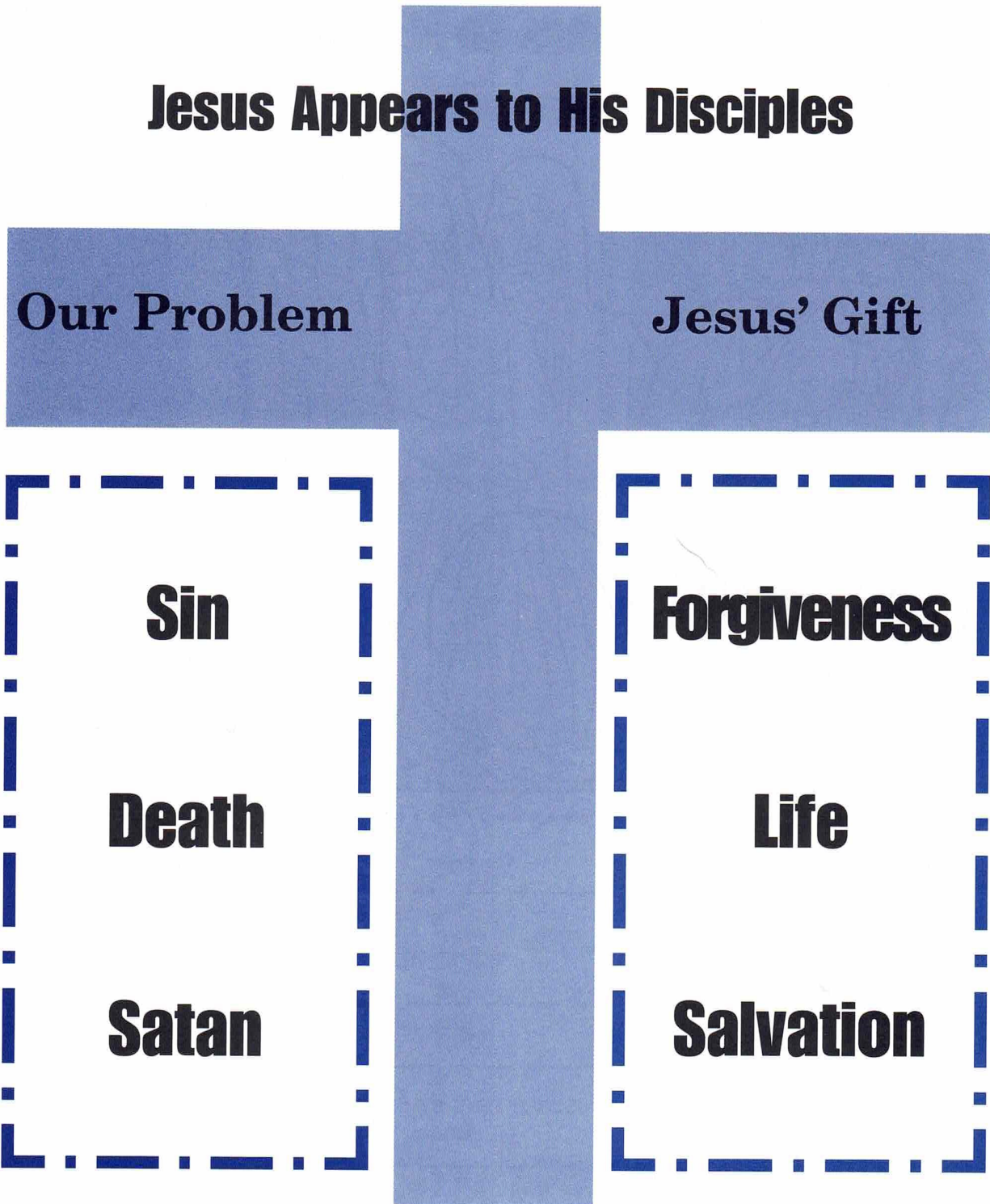
Thomas said, “My _____
and my _____!”

Jesus said, “ _____
are those who have not seen and yet have
_____.”

(A *Child's Garden* Bible storybook pp. 139–40.) Turn in your Bible to John 20:19–31 to find clues for the missing words. Also look up Acts 16:31 to find out why this is all so important. The message of salvation through Jesus' death and resurrection is unlike any other. (People

who believe in false gods feel they can only be saved by what they themselves do, and they do not feel the love of God that we know in Christ Jesus.) Praise God for the certainty we have in Him and share that message, which is so desperately needed by so many in this world today.

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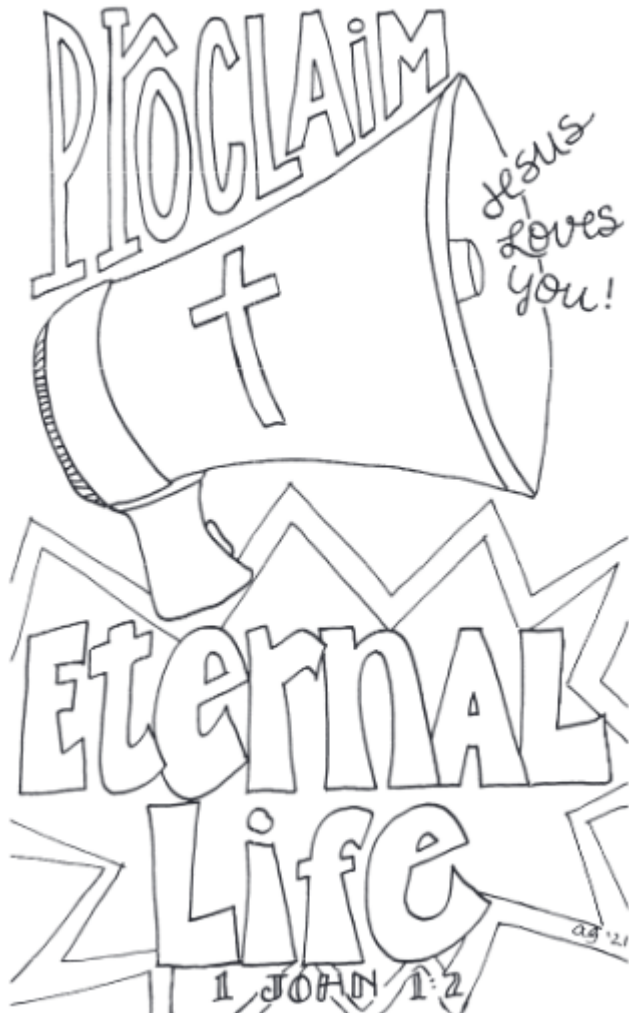


Directions

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(A *Child's Garden* Bible storybook pp. 139–40.) Point out that sin, death, and Satan are the enemies that rule people's lives, leaving them without hope. But Jesus enters the picture, and through His death and resurrection, He offers us the certain hope of eternal life. Emphasize

that Jesus' gifts destroy the problems. Draw an arrow from the word *forgiveness* that goes straight through the word *sin*, crossing it out. Do the same with an arrow from the word *life* that then crosses out *death*. And again, draw an arrow from *salvation* that crosses off *Satan*.



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Find Words from the Scripture Readings

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FELLOWSHIP	BELIEVE	PEACE
PROCLAIM	FORGIVE	JESUS
DISCIPLE	TESTIFY	LIGHT
MESSIAH	FATHER	SINS
BLESSED	SPIRIT	LIFE



Dear Jesus,
Please
SHINE YOUR
Light
in my
Heart
so that
I may
proclaim
Eternal
Life
to
everyone
I meet.
AMEN.

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Jesus has chosen you to be His forgiven people. He calls to us, "Follow Me!". Who are you going to share Jesus' love with this week ?

How are you going to share Jesus' love?

- ◆ Write a letter?, Send a card?
- ◆ Make a phone call?
- ◆ Tell a friend or relative?
- ◆ Pray for those who don't know Jesus .