

BIG IDEA

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BIBLE

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

John 20:19–31; Mark 14:12–26

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Some mysteries feel impossible to solve until the answer is revealed in an unimaginable way. This week, we'll investigate how Jesus appeared to the disciples in a locked room, proving he was alive and offering them peace and comfort through his presence. Through Jesus' actions and words, we're reminded of the incredible truth that **the Bible tells us Jesus loves us.**

MEMORY VERSE

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." — Romans 5:8 (NIV)



DISCUSSION

BIBLE QUESTIONS

- **Where were the disciples when Jesus appeared?** What happened? In a locked room. Jesus showed them his hands and side.
- **What happened that helped Thomas believe what his friends had told him before?** Jesus appeared again. Thomas saw Jesus and his scars for himself.
- **Read John 20:31. How does the Bible help you believe in Jesus?** Possible answers: Helps us know who Jesus is, what he did, and how much he loves us.
- **Read Mark 14:22–24. How was this a clue about what would happen to Jesus next?** Jesus' body and blood would be given up on the cross when he died for the sins of the world.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **If you were Thomas, would you have believed what your friends were saying? Why or why not?**
- **We weren't there to see Jesus and touch his wounds, so how can we know that Jesus loves us?**
- **What is one way Jesus has shown his love for you?**

ACTIVITY

WHAT TO DO



Give each kid a sheet protector with a white paper or coloring page inside. Have kids use a black permanent marker to trace the coloring page or draw their own image that connects to today's Bible story or Big Idea. Next, hand out the provided flashlight handout for kids to cut out. Swap the white paper in the sheet protector for black paper, then show kids how to slide the flashlight into the sheet protector to "shine" light and reveal their picture. Scan QR code to see a worked example.

WHAT TO SAY

The Bible tells us Jesus loves us, and the clues are all around! We can inspect our lives closely and shine a light on all the ways Jesus shows his love to us.