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Jesus Appears to His Disciples

John 20:19-31

Y oung children can believe in Jesus in their own simple way. Because you've always been there for them, they trust you completely. Little ones believe in Jesus because you've told them he's real and because they've seen pictures of him. Continue to lay this foundation in their lives by speaking truthful words, caring for their needs, being consistent in your love for them, teaching them to love Jesus through their singing and playtimes, and encouraging them to begin to say "Jesus."

INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Listen to praise songs.	CD player, mirror Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Bible Peekaboo Play Peekaboo to remember Jesus is alive.	blanket Teacher Pack: Jesus figure from "Jesus Is Alive" teaching picture	
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	I Believe in Babies Hear a happy poem.		
	You Can Do It! Receive affirmation for attempting and succeeding at various tasks.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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Bible Point Believe in Jesus.

Key Verse "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies' " (John 11:25).

Weaving Faith Into Life Children will begin to believe in Jesus.

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TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to "The Bible" and "I Believe."	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Jesus Appears! Hear about Jesus appearing to his disciples.	Bible Teacher Pack: "Jesus Appears" teaching picture	Prepare the picture by lining up the 2 outer vertical lines on the picture and creasing the picture flat. Notice that when the picture is folded in this way, Jesus is hidden.
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Peekaboo! Play Peekaboo to learn that Jesus appeared.		
	Where Is Jesus? Do a finger play about Jesus.		
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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2-YEAR-OLD

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Sing and Celebrate Sing or listen to praise songs.	Bible, CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Bible Exploration	Happy News! Discover what made Jesus' disciples happy.	Bible, finger paint, wet wipes Teacher Pack: "Jesus Appears" teaching picture, "Jesus Surprises His Friends" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)	Prepare the picture by lining up the 2 outer vertical lines on the picture and creasing the picture flat. Notice that when the picture is folded in this way, Jesus is hidden.
	Is It There? Play a logic-and- spatial-reasoning game.	toy, blanket	
3 Weaving Faith Into Life	Lift-the-Flap Create a lift-the-flap picture.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Jesus' Friends" page (at the end of the lesson), washable markers, tape, scissors	Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut the Jesus figure from all the pages.
	Weaving Faith at Home Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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Jesus Appears to His Disciples

John 20:19-31



Scared Disciples

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Hiding in a room with the doors locked "for fear of the Jews"—that's where Jesus found his disciples the evening of his resurrection day! They knew Jesus had been crucified. Some, no doubt, had seen him die. They had heard from the women that Jesus had risen, but they hadn't seen him. Confusion must have ruled their thoughts and conversation that evening.

Seeing Jesus

Jesus must have looked somewhat different in his new spiritual body. Mary didn't recognize him at first outside the tomb (John 20:14). And apparently Jesus' appearance to the disciples didn't immediately allay theirs fears because his first words were "Peace be with you!" Then he showed the disciples the wounds in his hands and side to verify his identity. It may have taken a moment, but finally the disciples' fears and confusion fell away, and they were overjoyed!

Our Advantage

Having faith was not easy for these first-century disciples. Thomas was really no different from the others. The other disciples demonstrated by their actions that they doubted Jesus' resurrection until they actually saw him. It's easy to think that those living in Jesus' day had an advantage over us in developing faith. But we may have the advantage. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection didn't fit the disciples' expectations of the Messiah. They had to reconsider all their preconceived notions of the Messiah. They had to match Jesus' actions with what the Old Testament Scriptures predicted about the Messiah. Only then could they fully have faith.

What Is Faith Anyway?

Faith means trusting Christ for everything. It means believing in his sacrifice on the cross and living a life of gratitude for what he's done. It means giving up any hope of winning God's favor by our human efforts. It means seeking Jesus above all else.

The Jesus Connection

Reread John 20:29. Jesus is talking about you! It takes great faith to believe when you can't see or touch Jesus; that's why he calls your relationship with him "blessed"!

Do you ever feel like Thomas? Jesus revealed himself to Thomas and allayed his doubts. What doubts or faith questions do you have? Speak openly to God about them in prayer, and then look for ways God will reveal himself to you through Scripture, your pastor's words, Christian friends, prayer, nature, or the promptings of the Holy Spirit. You can write your prayer here.



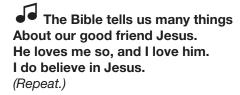
INFANT



Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing "The Bible" (track 9 on the CD) to the tune of "Jack and Jill" anytime during the lesson. As you sing, hold a baby in a sitting position so that the baby can look in a mirror. Put your face close to the baby's face, and sing the song as you gently bounce the baby up and down and side to side.



Afterward, say: **BELIEVE IN JESUS.**

Sing "I Believe" (not on the CD) to the tune of "It's Raining, It's Pouring" anytime during the lesson. Gently pat babies on the back as you sing.

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Believe, believe, I do believe in Jesus. He rose again on Easter day. He's my forever friend.

2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

Bible Peekaboo

What You'll Do

Play this Peekaboo game with infants. While holding a baby on your lap, hold up a blanket or a towel between you so the baby can't see you.

Say: Where's baby? Where's baby? Then put the blanket down. Say: There's baby! I can see baby! After several rounds of play, hide the Jesus figure behind the blanket.

Say: Where's Jesus? Then reveal the Jesus figure. Say: There's Jesus! We can see Jesus! Jesus is alive! ► BELIEVE IN JESUS!

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Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player mirror **Teacher Pack** CD: "The Bible" (track 9)

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Bible Peekaboo Supplies

blanket Teacher Pack Jesus figure from "Jesus Is Alive" teaching picture



3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

I Believe in Babies

What You'll Do

Say this poem to babies as you're rocking them gently:

I believe in babies so cuddly and sweet, From the top of their heads to their tiny little feet. I believe in Jesus who lives up above, Who gives every baby his wonderful love.

Say: **BELIEVE IN JESUS.**

You Can Do It!

What You'll Do

Pay attention as babies attempt to crawl, roll over, or pull themselves up.

Say: Look at you! You're trying to crawl. I know you can do it. I believe in you. We ▶ BELIEVE IN JESUS, too.

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

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Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

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Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing "The Bible" (track 9 on the CD) to the tune of "Jack and Jill" anytime during the lesson. Encourage toddlers to do the suggested motions with you.

The Bible tells us many things About our good friend Jesus. (put hands on heart) He loves me so, and I love him. I do believe in Jesus. (point up) (Repeat.)

Afterward, say: **BELIEVE IN JESUS.**

Sing "I Believe" (not on the CD) to the tune of "It's Raining, It's Pouring" anytime during the lesson. As you sing, have several toddlers stand in a circle and hold hands. Walk around in the circle as if playing Ring Around a Rosy. At the end of the song, have the children fall to the ground.

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Afterward, say: **BELIEVE IN JESUS.**



Jesus Appears!

What You'll Do

Gather a group of toddlers together. Open your Bible to John 20:19-31. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God's special book. Put the Bible next to you, and hold up the folded "Jesus Appears" teaching picture.

Say: Our Bible tells us about a time some of Jesus' friends got together. They were



Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "The Bible" (track 9)

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Jesus Appears! Supplies

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Bible Teacher Pack "Jesus Appears" teaching picture

Jesus Appears! Easy Prep

Prepare the picture by lining up the 2 outer vertical lines on the picture and creasing the picture flat. Notice that when the picture is folded in this way, Jesus is hidden.

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very sad because Jesus wasn't with them anymore. They were sad because Jesus had died.

But something amazing happened! While the people were in this room, someone appeared in the room with them. One minute he wasn't there, and the next minute he was. Let's see who it was.

Unfold the teaching picture.

Say: Look at the new person in the room! It's Jesus. Jesus had come back to life. He was alive. The people could be happy now because Jesus was alive. We can also be happy because Jesus is alive! ► BELIEVE IN JESUS!



WEAVING FAITH

Peekaboo!

What You'll Do

Play Peekaboo with the toddlers in your group. Encourage them to close their eyes and say, "Peekaboo, I see you," and then have them open their eyes. When they open their eyes, make a goofy face or put on a silly hat.

Say: One day Jesus appeared to his friends just like I appeared to you in this game. Jesus' friends were happy to see him, just like I'm happy to see you! They believed in Jesus, and we can ► BELIEVE IN JESUS, too.

Where Is Jesus?

What You'll Do

Enjoy this finger play with your toddlers. You can sing it to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?"

Where is Jesus? (shrug shoulders) Where is Jesus? (shrug shoulders) Here he is! (walk your fingers) Here he is! (walk your fingers) I believe in Jesus. (point to self with thumb) I believe in Jesus. (point to self with other thumb) Yes, I do. (nod head) Yes, I do. (nod head)

Say: **BELIEVE IN JESUS.**

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Weaving Faith at Home

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Sing and Celebrate

What You'll Do

Sing "The Bible" (track 9 on the CD) to the tune of "Jack and Jill" anytime during the lesson. Pass a Bible or a Bible picture book back and forth between you and a 2-year-old as you sing.

The Bible tells us many things About our good friend Jesus. He loves me so, and I love him. I do believe in Jesus. (Repeat.)

Afterward, say: **BELIEVE IN JESUS.**

Sing "I Believe" (not on the CD) to the tune of "It's Raining, It's Pouring" anytime during the lesson. Encourage children to do the motions.

Believe, believe, I do believe in Jesus. He rose again on Easter day. (point up) He's my forever friend. (hug self)

Afterward, say: **BELIEVE IN JESUS.**



Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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Sing and Celebrate Supplies

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Bible CD player **Teacher Pack** CD: "The Bible" (track 9)

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Happy News! Supplies

Bible finger paint wet wipes

Teacher Pack

"Jesus Appears" teaching picture

"Jesus Surprises His Friends" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)

Happy News! Easy Prep

Prepare the picture by lining up the 2 outer vertical lines on the picture and creasing the picture flat. Notice that when the picture is folded in this way, Jesus is hidden.



Happy News!

What You'll Do

Gather the 2-year-olds together. Open your Bible to John 20:19-31. Show children the words and tell them the Bible is God's special book. Hold up the folded "Jesus Appears" teaching picture.

Say: This is a picture of Jesus' friends. They all met together to help each other because they were sad. What makes you feel better when you're sad?

Sometimes it helps when we're sad if someone gives us a hug or a pat on the back. Give the child next to you a gentle pat on the back. **Doesn't that feel good?** Encourage the children to pat one another on the back.

These people in the picture were all very sad. They were sad because Jesus had gone away. He died. The people thought they had lost Jesus forever. But something amazing happened. Watch the picture to find out who came to see the people in the room. Unfold the teaching picture so that Jesus appears.

Show children the "Jesus Surprises His Friends" poster.

Say: Jesus had come back to life! He was alive, and he came to visit his friends. His friends were all so happy to see him. Let's paint smiling faces all over this poster to show that the disciples were happy that Jesus appeared and we're happy, too! Help children use finger paint to paint smiley-faces on the poster. Don't worry if kids are covering up part of the picture, it'll only emphasize the joy of that moment! When kids are finished painting, use wet wipes to wash the paint off their fingers. The disciples didn't have to be sad anymore. Let's show how happy we are by giving each other great big smiles. Ready? Smile! We can be happy because Jesus is alive! BELIEVE IN JESUS!





Is It There?

What You'll Do

Show the toy to a child. Then hide it under the blanket.

Say: What happened to the toy? Where is the toy? Encourage the child to understand that the toy is still there even though the blanket hides it.

Say: We believe in Jesus even though we can't see him. Jesus is with us every day. ▶ BELIEVE IN JESUS.

Lift the Flap

What You'll Do

Give each child a "Jesus' Friends" page and a Jesus figure. Distribute markers, and have children decorate the pictures. Then help the children tape the top edge of the Jesus figure between the disciples on their handouts. Show children how they can flip Jesus up and down to make Jesus "appear" as he appeared to his disciples.

Say: Jesus appeared to his disciples to help them believe in him. We > BELIEVE IN JESUS, too.

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Is It There? Supplies

toy blanket

Lift the Flap Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Jesus' Friends" page (at the end of the lesson) washable markers tape scissors

Lift the Flap Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 7 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book. Cut the Jesus figure from all the pages.

Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

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Believe It—It's True!

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It's hard for most of us to believe in things we can't see. Fortunately, children are accepting of things that adults question and are willing to believe in Jesus based on our teaching that he is real and alive. Always speak words of truth to your child so he or she won't have any reason to doubt that what you say can be trusted and believed. Y our child learned that we believe in Jesus (from John 20:19-31). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

INFANT	TODDLER	2-YEAR-OLD
I Believe in Babies	Where Is Jesus?	Is It There?
Say this poem to your baby as you're rocking him or her gently: I believe in babies so	Enjoy this finger play with your toddler. You can sing it to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?"	You'll need a toy and a blanket or towel. Show the toy to your child. Then hide the toy under the blanket.
cuddly and sweet, From the top of their heads to their tiny little feet.	Where is Jesus? (shrug shoulders) Where is Jesus? (shrug shoulders)	Ask: What happened to the toy? Where is the toy?
I believe in Jesus who lives up above, Who gives every baby his wonderful love.	Here he is! (walk your fingers) Here he is! (walk your fingers) I believe in Jesus. (point	Encourage your child to understand that the toy is still there even though the blanket hides it.
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Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

Sing "I Believe" to the tune of "It's Raining, It's Pouring":

Tell about John 20:19-31 at bedtime.

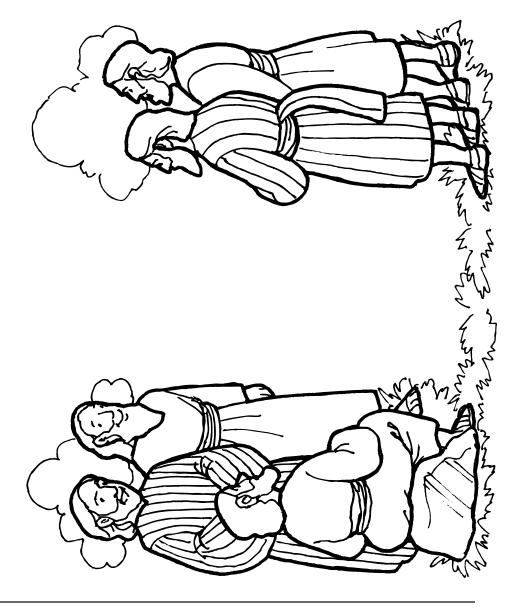
Believe, believe, I do believe in Jesus. He rose again on Easter day.

He's my forever friend.

Play Peekaboo with your child. Talk about how Jesus appeared to his friends.



Jesus' Friends







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