

Jesus Appeared to the Disciples

IDC Kids Preschool

Bible Passage: Luke 24; John 20

Story Point: Jesus appeared to His disciples.

Key Passage: John 11:25 *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me, even if he dies, will live.*

Big Picture Question: Where is Jesus now? Jesus is in heaven.

Christ Connection: God made Jesus alive again! Jesus visited many people so they would know He is alive. Jesus is still alive today. We have not seen Jesus, but if we believe in Him, we will be blessed. He wants us to tell others the good news about Him.

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Review Questions

Where did Jesus' disciples meet? (*in a house*)

Who appeared in the house with the disciples? (**Jesus appeared to His disciples.**)

What did Jesus say to His disciples when He appeared? (*Peace to you!*)

Who was not with the other disciples when Jesus appeared to them the first time? (*Thomas*)

Where did Jesus invite Thomas to touch Him? (*His hands and His side*)

Where is Jesus now? Jesus is in heaven.

Say • When Jesus died on the cross, holes were made in His hands and on His side, leaving scars. Jesus showed His friends His scars to prove that He is alive. God made Jesus alive again! Then **Jesus appeared to His disciples.** Jesus visited many people so they would know He is alive. Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we can be forgiven of our sin and be with God forever.

Learn the big picture question

Say • **Jesus appeared to His disciples** several times. They could see Him, touch Him, and eat with Him. **Where is Jesus now? Jesus is in heaven.** Right now we cannot see or touch Jesus, but we know that He is alive today and in heaven. He wants us to tell others the good news about Him.

Practice the key passage

Place the key passage marker at John 11:25. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the verse with a simple pat-pat-clap rhythm. Lead preschoolers to pat and clap with you. Repeat several times with the rhythm.

Say • Jesus was able to appear to His disciples because He was resurrected! *Resurrected* means brought back to life. Jesus died on the cross to pay for people's sin, but God raised Him from the dead. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. When we turn from our sin and follow Him, we have life with God forever.

Activity Page (if you didn't order them, you still can [download and print HERE](#))

Invite preschoolers to look at each pair of pictures and draw a circle around the one alive in each pair.

Say • Jesus' disciples were very sad because Jesus had died on the cross. Then they heard that Jesus was alive. What do you think they said? How do you think they felt? We will hear what happened in today's Bible story.

Pray

Say • God, thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for us. We know He is alive and in heaven with You now. Help us understand Your great love for us. Help us to serve and honor You in how we live. Amen.

Activities

Play out emotions

Comment that not only our faces show when we are happy, sad, and scared, but our bodies do too. Show preschoolers how you act when you are happy, sad, and scared. Retell the Bible story, leading preschoolers to play out how the disciples felt with their faces and bodies.

Jesus' disciples locked the doors to the house they were in. How did they feel?

Some of Jesus' other disciples said they had seen Jesus alive. How did the rest of the disciples feel?

Jesus came and stood right there in the room with His disciples. How did they feel?

Jesus showed His disciples His hands and His side where He had been hurt. How did they feel?

Jesus' disciple, Thomas, was not there when Jesus appeared to the others. How did he feel?

Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples when Thomas was there. How did he feel?

Say • God made Jesus alive again! That's the best reason of all to have a smile on our faces! **Jesus appeared to His disciples** and many other people so they would know He is alive. We have not seen Jesus, but if we believe in Him, we will be blessed. He wants us to tell others the good news about Him.

Put bandages on dolls

Set out baby dolls. Offer self-adhesive bandages for preschoolers to play out caring for baby dolls' wounds.

Say • When we see people wearing a bandage, we know they have probably been hurt. When Thomas and the other disciples saw Jesus' hands and side, they knew that Jesus had been hurt when He died on the cross. But God made Jesus alive again! He has no need for bandages! **Where is Jesus now? Jesus is in heaven.** We have not seen Jesus, but if we believe in Him, we will be blessed. He wants us to tell others the good news about Him.

Make "noodle soup"

Before the session, cut different color strands of yarn into different lengths to create "noodles." Give each preschooler a bowl and spoon. Set out the yarn noodles. Invite preschoolers to pretend to make noodle soup by choosing strands of yarn to put in their bowl. While preschoolers "stir" their soup, ask them to tell you what they know about Jesus. For an added challenge, provide chopsticks for children to try picking up their noodles. Do not expect children to master chopsticks. Encourage them to have fun while they experiment.

Say • Noodle soup is very popular in East Asia. Missionaries there often share a bowl of noodle soup with their friends. While they are eating together, the missionaries tell their friends about Jesus. We can tell people about Jesus too. **Where is Jesus now? Jesus is in heaven.** We cannot see Jesus, but those who believe in Him without seeing are blessed. Jesus wants us to tell others the good news about Him.

Make a Bible bookmark

Cut 4-inch strips from construction paper and lightly write *John 11:25* with a pencil on each strip. Give each preschooler a bookmark. Encourage her to trace the reference with a marker and then draw people she can tell about Jesus on the back of the bookmark.

Say • John 11:25 is our key passage. Jesus said He is the resurrection and the life. **Jesus appeared to His disciples** so they would know He is alive. Jesus wants us to tell others the good news that He is alive. You can put your bookmark in a Bible to remind you to tell others the good news about Jesus.

Identify new objects

Gather a variety of objects from around the room and hide them from preschoolers' view. Place two objects on a table. Tell children to close their eyes while you add a third object. Tell children to open their eyes and tell what new item appeared. Continue adding objects as time allows.

Say • Jesus' disciples were all together in a room, and then **Jesus appeared to His disciples**. God made Jesus alive again! Jesus visited many people so they would know He is alive. We have not seen Jesus, but if we believe in Him, we will be blessed.

Build a house

Invite children to work together to build a house out of blocks.

Say • Great job building this house. **Jesus appeared to His disciples** when they were meeting together in a house. Jesus visited many people so they would know He is alive. Jesus is still alive today. We have not seen Jesus, but if we believe in Him, we will be blessed. He wants us to tell others the good news about Him.

Toss a beanbag

Toss a beanbag to a child and ask him to share something that he has learned about Jesus. Ask a question to guide him to share more details. For example if he says, "Jesus died on the cross," you could ask: "What happened after he died on the cross?" Guide the child to toss the beanbag to another child and let her share something she has learned about Jesus. Play until all the children have had a chance to share.

Say • We have heard a lot of stories about Jesus' life on earth. When **Jesus appeared to His disciples**, He explained the Bible to them. "The Bible is about Me," Jesus said. The whole Bible tells us about God's plan to send Jesus. You can tell your family and friends what you have learned! He wants us to tell others the good news about Him.