

# Family Faith Talk

At Home Sunday School for Your Family

## Family Devotion:

Read aloud John 20:19-31.

**Say:** On Easter morning the angel told the women, “do not be afraid”, and now Jesus appears to his disciples for the first time since he rose from the dead and his first words are, “peace be with you”. The disciples were locked in a house together because they were afraid the Jewish leaders would be out looking for them. They saw Jesus on the cross, and now, here he stands, alive and well, right there with them! What peace and comfort that must have been to the scared and sad disciples! What kinds of things make us scared and sad? Our world can be a really sad and scary place. But we can know for sure that, just like Jesus was really with his disciples, Jesus is really with us too! We can’t touch him like Thomas did, but we have the same Holy Spirit living in our hearts. The Spirit gives us faith to believe that Jesus is always with us. What peace and comfort that is in our lives!

## Today’s Bible Story:

Get your family thinking deeper about the story with these discussion starters:

1. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus appeared to them?
2. Why did Jesus tell them, “Peace be with you”?
3. Why didn’t Thomas believe the others had seen Jesus?
4. Read verse 29 again. Who do you think Jesus is talking about?
5. How can we know that Jesus is really always with us?
6. Read verse 31 again. Why did John write the things he did in his book?

## Family Prayer:

Jesus, you are peace in a crazy, sad and scary world. Help us to know your peace and presence in our lives each day. Thank you for your Spirit who helps us to

## This Week’s Memory Verse:

Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have believed.

John 20:29

## Song Suggestions:

Search for these groups on YouTube to find great Sunday school and Scripture songs to sing as a family!

Sunday School Songs Concordia Publishing House (a large collection of songs/hymns by CPH)

Seeds Family Worship (Scripture verses)

Lifetree Kids

Cedarmont Kids (more familiar Sunday school songs)

## Crafts and Activities:

Search Google for “faith Bible” for printable coloring pages!

### Craft Ideas:

Print off and decorate the doves on the next page. Doves are a common symbol for peace and the Holy Spirit. After you decorate your doves, tape them in a window, or punch a small hole and tie a string to hang them where your family can see them and remember the peace we have in Jesus.

### Activity Ideas:

*Two Truths and A Lie:* In this game each person in your family will come up with three things to share about themselves - two things that are true and one that isn’t. The goal is to guess what the untrue thing is. When everyone has shared and guessed, talk about the ways that Jesus is true and that his Word is trustworthy. (Jesus keeps his promises, Jesus never lied, Jesus always tells the truth, Jesus is the truth of God’s word, Jesus wants all to know the truth of his Word, etc.)

