

# Jesus appears to the disciples

## Aim

To praise God because Jesus came back to life.

## Bible Passage

John 20 and Luke 24: 36-49

Children often need to see for themselves when something is real. Jesus appeared to his disciples, help children see that he demonstrated that he really had come back to life.

## Game Time

How do we know we are alive? Put your hand on your tummy and breath in deeply, can you feel your body change? We would not be able to do this if we were not alive, blow on your hand and feel the air move. Blow some bubbles with bubble mixture, dance around to your favourite praise songs—Jesus is alive today and always!

## Bible Time

In the Bible story Jesus appears to the disciples and proves to them that he had come back to life. Read Luke 24: 36-49 from a children's Bible. Talk to children about what this passage means. Jesus proved to his friends that he was indeed alive. Watch this Youtube clip of John 20. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ux7F5RAGLDk>

Picture Game— To have proof that something is real by seeing and touching. In the passage Jesus' friends knew he was alive because they could see, hear, touch and see him eat.

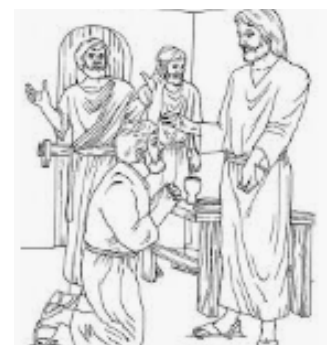
Draw pictures of an ear, an eye, a hand and a mouth. Read the passage again, children point to each picture as the evidence is revealed to them. Think about things you know are real because you can see, hear and touch them.

## Craft ideas

Have a go at making this craft. Draw around your hands, then carefully cut them out (make sure they are joined together in the centre) ask an adult for help. You can stick them onto another piece of card and decorate. Place heart shapes over the hands to show where the nails went in Jesus' hands. You can decorate the hands then hang it up with wool or string.



Draw your best picture of Jesus alive with the disciples  
How would they have felt, shocked, surprised, amazed?



## Worship Time

Prayer and praise

Think about the Bible passage.

What might you have said to Jesus? What would you like to say to him today?

Response prayer, say "We praise you, Jesus" after each line.

You are alive, **we praise you, Jesus!**

You let your disciples see you...

You let your disciples touch you...

You let your disciples watch you eat...

You proved you had really come back to life...

You are alive and with us today...

Amen.

Why not look on the TMC Facebook page or website for some song you can sing along to.