



Thomas Sees the Risen Savior

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On Easter evening, the day Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples were all together. All, that is, except for Thomas. He was not with them that night. The disciples were afraid. They thought that the enemies who crucified Jesus might come for them too. So they locked themselves inside a house.

Suddenly, Jesus appeared. He stood before them. "Peace be with you!" Jesus said. Then Jesus showed the disciples the nail marks in His hands and the place where the spear had entered His side. The disciples were filled with joy.

The disciples were excited to tell Thomas what he had missed. They told

Thomas, "We have seen the Lord!" But Thomas did not believe them.

"I won't believe unless I put my hands on Jesus' body where the nails and spear entered Him," Thomas said. A week later Jesus appeared to the disciples again. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger into My hands and side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas knelt down before Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus answered, "You believe because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who have not seen Me and yet believe in Me."

Believe in our risen Savior.



Parents: Open your Bible to John 20. Read the last half of verse 29. Tell your child that these words are a promise of blessing from Jesus to us. Then read verse 31 to your child. Comment that the Bible is written so that we might know that Jesus is our Savior. Tell your child that the Holy Spirit brings us to faith through God's Word. Sing "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know" with your child.