LESSON 24

THOMAS MEETS THE RISEN JESUS



Aim: **To teach the children that we are freed from sin by believing in Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**

Scripture Reading: **John 20:19-31**

Memory Verse: **John 20:29**
Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

PRESENTING THE LESSON

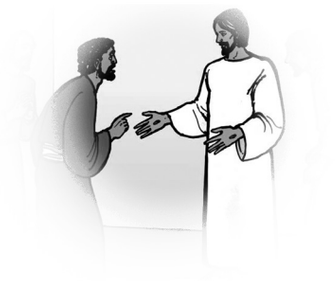
STARTING POINT

Tell the class about some surprising news you once received – so surprising that at first you did not believe it. Your example must refer to good news.

MAIN POINTS OF TODAY'S TEACHING

1. Jesus' friends were very sad and frightened. Why? **Show Picture 23**. Jesus had been crucified. But on the third day after his death, Jesus came to life. Death could not hold God's Son in its grasp.
2. **Describe how the disciples were together on the Sunday after Jesus was crucified.** They were hiding, because they feared that Jesus' enemies would try to kill them, too. Suddenly Jesus was there with them. They could not believe it! Was it really, truly Jesus himself? He showed them the crucifixion marks on his hands and feet and where the soldier pierced his side with a spear. Then, convinced, they were overcome with happiness to see him (20:19-20).
3. Thomas was not with the other disciples on that occasion, and just could not believe the good news when they told him. He insisted that he first would have to see and touch the marks of the crucifixion on Jesus' body before he would believe that Jesus really was alive again (20:24-25).
4. A week later Jesus came to them again. This time Thomas was present. **Show Picture 24. Recount Jesus' words to Thomas and Thomas's reply.** Only after he had seen the risen Lord with his own eyes, Thomas realised who Jesus was (20:26-29).
5. When Jesus said to Thomas, "... blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed," he included those people of future generations who would understand who he was. That means Jesus was speaking of us, too. We cannot see him with our eyes. Yet we know he died **and rose again.** It is by believing in the living Lord Jesus that we are saved to enjoy an everlasting life with God. This is what the memory verse tells us.

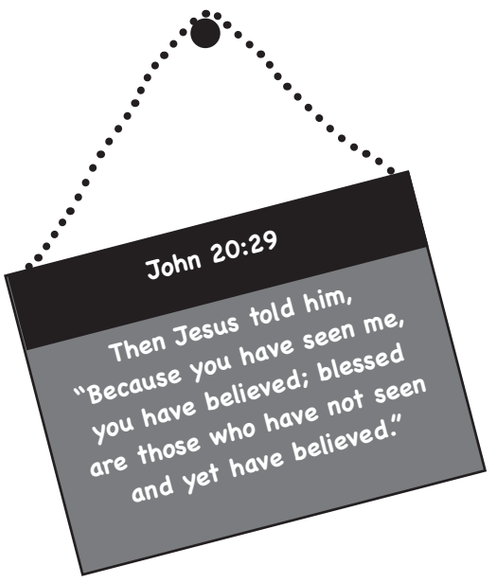
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Instil the Memory Verse

Our Response to the Story

Do not doubt like Thomas, that Jesus lives. Believe that Jesus is alive, as he said. Thank him for suffering and dying on the cross for you. Accept and worship him as your Lord, as Thomas did.



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