

Send

Go in peace

At the end of worship we hear, "Go in peace. Serve the Lord." We leave ready to share God's peace with others!

Write some words inside this cartoon balloon to show how you could share God's peace with this child.



Dear God, remind me to share your peace every day. Amen

This week

Draw and cut out a beautiful butterfly.
Hang it in your window. Leave it up for six weeks to celebrate the Easter season.

Kids Celebrate

Second Sunday of Easter



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the second Sunday of Easter. Did you know that the season of Easter lasts for 50 days? For seven weeks we sing happy alleluias to celebrate Jesus' new life. The butterfly is a symbol of new life. From a dead-looking chrysalis (KRIS-ah-liss) hatches a beautiful butterfly.

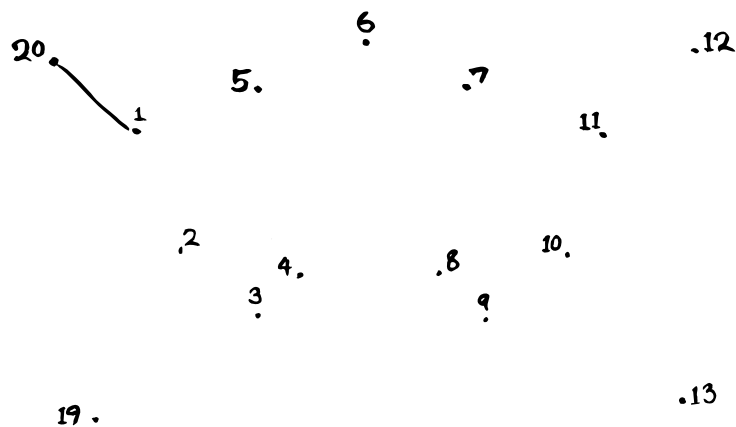


Draw the butterfly hatching.

Jesus gives us peace

John 20:19-31

The first Easter evening Jesus' disciples met in a locked room. They were afraid they were in trouble because they were Jesus' followers. Suddenly Jesus stood with them. They were surprised. Jesus said, "Peace be with you!" Thomas didn't believe Jesus was alive again until he touched the nail holes in Jesus' hands. Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."



Connect the dots to find a church symbol for peace.

18 . . 14
17 . . 15
16

Sharing the peace

Jesus said, "Peace be with you," three times when he came to visit the disciples. Jesus' words of peace are for us, too. When people share the peace during worship they welcome each other with Jesus' words, hugs, and handshakes. Today try sharing the peace with someone new.



You can share the peace with someone who can't hear by signing the words Peace be with you.



What Do You Believe?

Today's story is about believing without seeing. A lot of things in our faith we believe, even though we cannot see them or prove them. Listen closely during worship. Write down things you hear that you and your congregation believe. *Hint: Listen especially closely to the Apostle's or Nicene Creed.

I believe _____

I believe _____

I believe _____

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READER

Easter 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** of Easter.
- The color for the season of Easter is **white**.
- The color white reminds us that God **makes us new**.

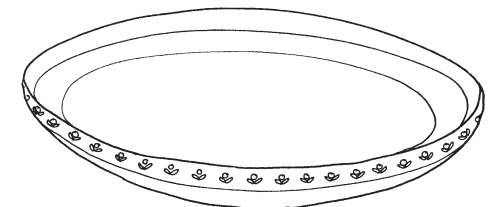
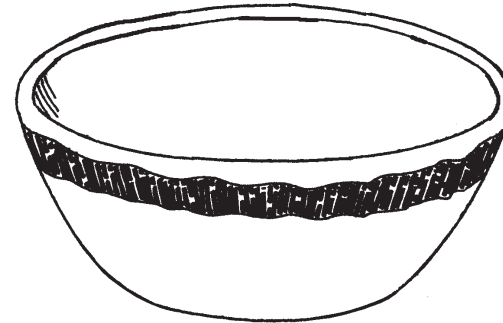
Everything You Need!

Have you ever heard of the phrase *daily bread*? Our daily bread is everything God gives us to help us grow and stay strong in our faith. Let's make some daily bread right now! Check out the ingredients, draw them in the mixing bowl, and then draw some finished daily bread on the plate.

INGREDIENTS

1 CROSS EGG
1/2 CUP MESSIAH MILK
3 CUPS HEARTY FLOUR

A DASH SPIRITUAL SALT
1 PACKAGE YAHWEH YEAST
3/4 CUP LIVING WATER



See if you can figure out today's memory verse using the symbols below.



KEY:





say/said








see/seen



believe/believed

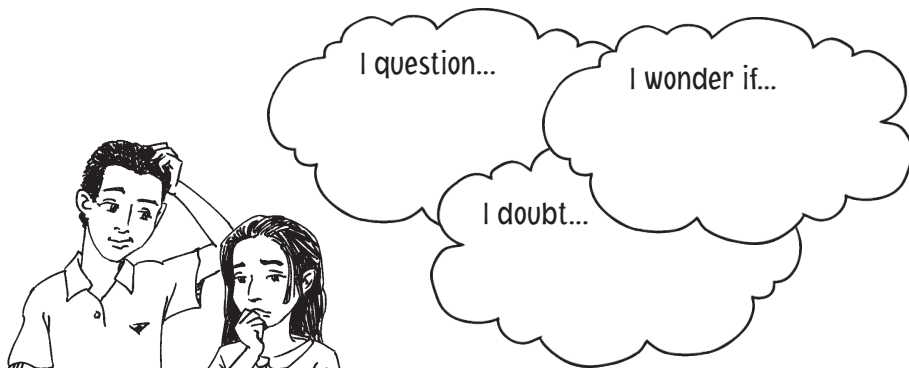
"Jesus  to him, 'Have you  because you have

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me and yet have come to .'" -John 20:29

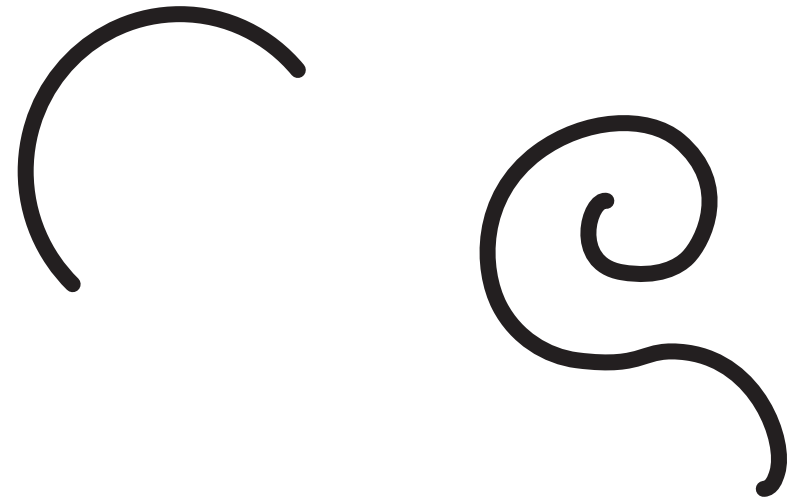
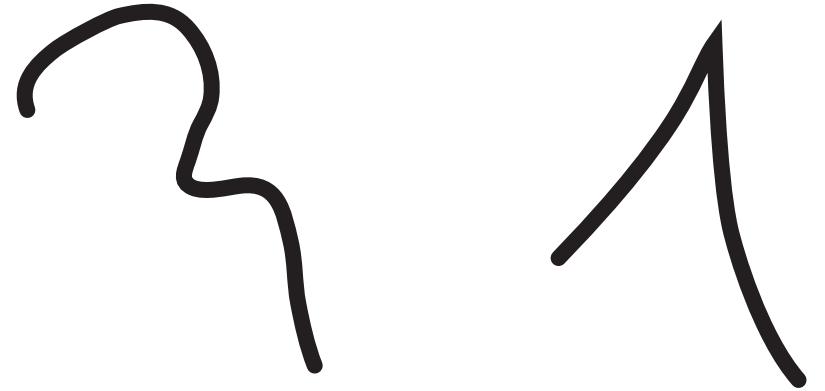
Doubting Thomas

Today's story is about Thomas. He doubts that Jesus really rose from the dead until he sees the wounds on Jesus' body. Sometimes, if we don't have enough evidence, it's easy to doubt ourselves, doubt others, and even doubt our faith. What are some doubts or questions you have?



Seeing the Big Picture

In today's Bible story, Thomas does not believe Jesus came back to life until he sees the holes in Jesus' hands. He cannot see the big picture; he's caught up in the details. Below are four different shapes and lines for you to make into a bigger picture. Use your imagination. Can you see the big picture?

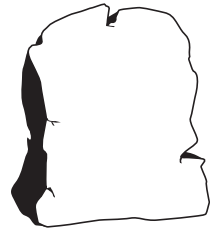


Today's Old Testament reading is from the book of Psalms and says, "The LORD is my strength and my defense." We use many different names for God. Listen during worship for some other names we call God.

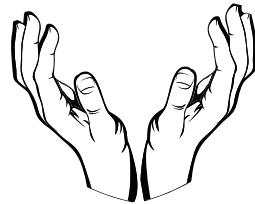
If you hear them, circle them.



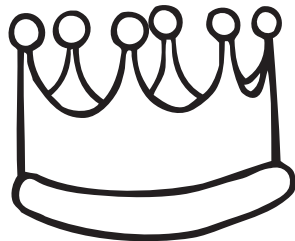
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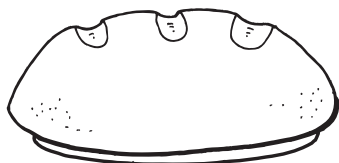
CREATOR



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FATHER



BREAD

OTHER NAME: _____



PRE-READER

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Did you go on an Easter egg hunt last week? How many eggs can you find in this picture? Count them and write the number in the box below.



EGGS



You should believe, even when you cannot see it for yourself.

Thomas, one of Jesus' friends, did not believe at first that Jesus had risen. But after Thomas saw Jesus and the holes in his hands, he was amazed and he believed.

On the first face, draw Thomas doubting Jesus. On the second face, draw Thomas shocked and happy to see Jesus.

