



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:
Jesus Shows Himself to His Followers

Take Home Point:

You can believe with your heart
even if you can't see with your eyes.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Show me how you can walk through a piece of paper. I don't know if I can believe it unless I see it. What do you think we can believe with our hearts even if we can't see it with your eyes? (*Jesus is alive.*)

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: For discussion, say "Let's think about things we might have a hard time believing unless we saw them happen such as anything you have seen at a circus, on TV, or read in a 'Believe It or Not' book. Today we will read about someone who would only believe Jesus is alive after he saw proof with his eyes. I wonder what Jesus says about those who believe without seeing?"

READ THE BIBLE: John 19:38-20:31

KEY VERSE: John 20:29b, "*Blessed are those who haven't seen me but believe.*"

TALK ABOUT IT: After reading the Resurrection event from John 19:38-20:23, have family members list the signs that Jesus had indeed risen from the dead: [1. *The stone was rolled away. (John 20:1)* 2. *The tomb was empty. (John 20:2,5)* 3. *The linen cloth was folded. (John 20: 6-7.)* 4. *Angels sitting where Jesus' body had been lying. (John 20:11-13.)* 5. *Jesus appeared to Mary. (John 20:14-18.)* 7. *Jesus appeared to the disciples behind locked doors. (John 20:19-23.)* 8. *Jesus appeared a second time. (John 20:26-28.) Both times Jesus appeared, people could see his wounds and even touch him.]*

Read John 20:24-29. Why do you think Jesus told Thomas to put his finger on the nail marks of his hands and where the spear pierced his side? (*Thomas had not been with the others when Jesus appeared the first time and said he would believe only if he could see and feel Jesus' hands and side.*) How do you think Jesus knew Thomas had said this? (*Jesus is God and knows all things.*)

PRAYER POWER: Encourage family members to pray for others who may not believe that Jesus is the Messiah or the Promised One because they have not seen him. Thank God for the gift of Jesus we receive through faith.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Discuss as a family how you would answer someone who asks you to prove that Jesus is alive. One of the ways people believe is that they see evidence. The early disciples all said they saw him alive and most ended up dying for that conviction of faith. People believed their witness. People around you can see the reality of Jesus in your words and actions as well.