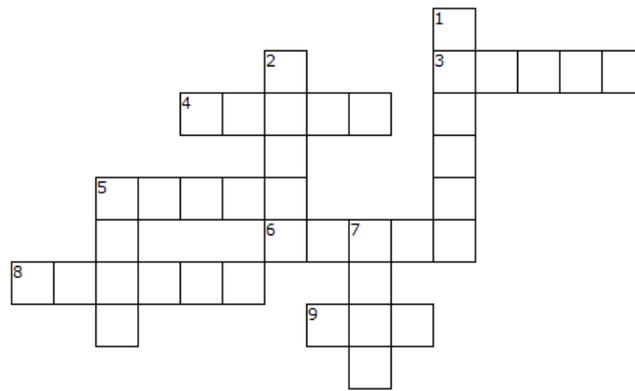


Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT

Activity: Put different items in small paper bags (a ball, a hard-boiled egg, a piece of sand paper, etc). Allow the children to reach inside the bag to feel each item and have them guess what it might be. How do you know for sure what it is if you can't see it???

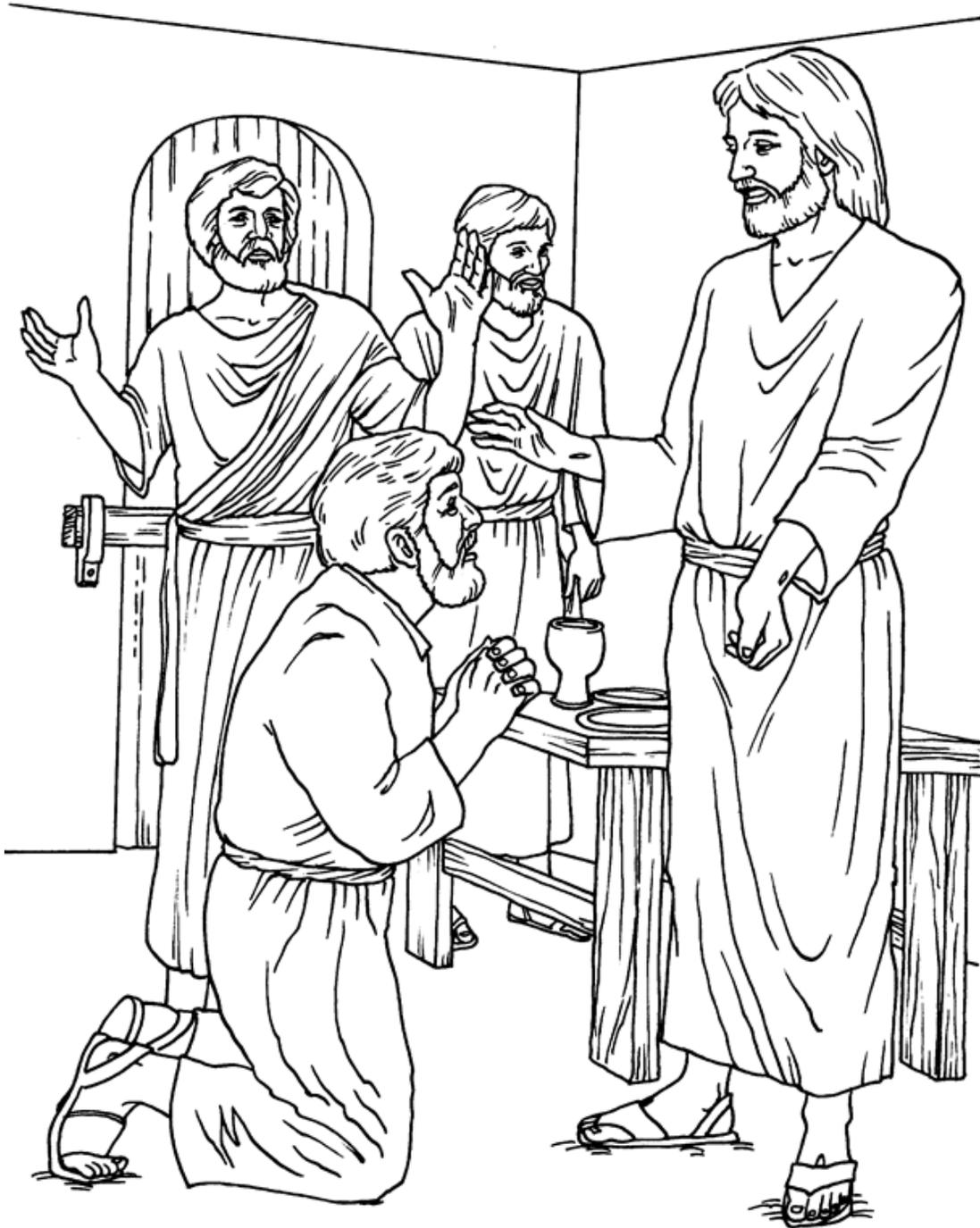
Discussion Question There are many things that we take on faith alone simply because we believe them to be true. We know the sun and moon will rise and set every day. But how do we know that for sure? You know your age and when your birthday is...but do you remember being born? Jesus died and rose again on the third day...but, we weren't there. We believe because he told us. We can always trust in Jesus' promises.

Family Table Prayer for April:

God of rain and God of Spring,
 Thank you for the gifts you bring
 To our table that we may be
 Fed by your hands so graciously. Amen.

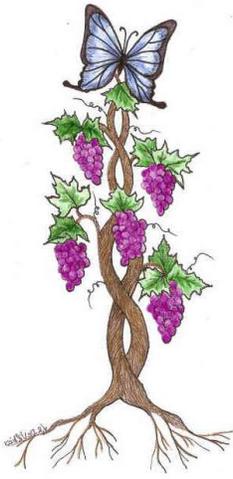
April Memory Verse: Psalm 150:6 – Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

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Jesus Appears!

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Nurturing Faith...

Every Day in Every Way

April 28, 2019

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31



Second Sunday of Easter

Does anyone ever ask you for identification? It happens to me all the time. When I go into a store to buy something and I want to pay for it with a credit card, the cashier takes my card and then asks, "May I see your ID please?" Why does the cashier need to see my ID? The answer is quite simple. The cashier wants to see if I own my credit card. Am I really who I claim to be?

There may be other times when you will be asked for identification. You may need a picture ID to get a library card. You might even need a picture ID to sign up for youth soccer. Many schools are now requiring students and teachers to wear a picture ID at school. Almost every day we are asked to prove that we are who we say we are.

On the Sunday that Jesus rose from the grave, he appeared to a group of his disciples. One of the disciples, whose name was Thomas, was not with them. When the disciples told Thomas that they had seen Jesus and that he was alive, Thomas said, "I won't believe it until I see it with my own eyes. I want to see the nail-prints in his hands and put my hand in the place where the spear was thrust into his side."

A week later, Jesus appeared to his disciples again. This time Thomas was there. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Put your hand into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Then Thomas believed! A lot of people today won't believe that Jesus really rose from the grave because they haven't seen him with their own two eyes. They want "proof of identity" before they will believe. Jesus said, "Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed."

Loving God, we thank you for sending your Son to die on the cross to take away the sin of the world and so that we may have eternal life. Help us to accept by faith that Jesus has risen from the grave and that He is truly alive. Amen.