

# Thomas Sees Jesus

John 20:19-31

## Jesus' Friends Are Surprised

One night some of Jesus' friends were eating together in a house. They were very sad. Their friend Jesus had been dead for three days. They knew Jesus' body was not in the tomb. They had heard people say they had seen Jesus and that He was alive! But some of them could not imagine that Jesus was really alive.

As the friends were talking, Jesus came into the room. Jesus' friends were surprised and a little afraid. How could this be Jesus? They knew Jesus had died.

## Jesus Talks to His Friends

Jesus must have smiled at His friends. "Why are you afraid?" Jesus asked. Jesus held out His hands to them. Then Jesus asked for something to eat. When the friends saw Jesus and heard His kind voice, they knew He was really alive. The friends were not afraid anymore. This was REALLY Jesus!

## One Friend Doesn't Believe

But Jesus' friend named Thomas was not there when Jesus came. Later, Jesus' other friends told Thomas that Jesus was alive; but Thomas shook his head. Thomas told the friends, "I will not say that Jesus is alive unless I see Him and touch Him."

## Thomas Believes

A week later, all the friends and Thomas were together in the same house. Suddenly, Jesus came into the room, just as He had done before. Jesus knew that Thomas still couldn't be sure that He was really alive. Jesus must have smiled at Thomas. "Thomas," Jesus said, "look at My hands. Touch them. I want you to know that I am alive."

Thomas loved Jesus. He looked at Jesus and said, "My Lord and my God!" Now Thomas knew for sure that Jesus is alive. And he was very glad.

### Conclusion

**We can be glad that Jesus is alive, just like Thomas was glad. We can praise and thank God for Jesus. We can tell others the good news.**



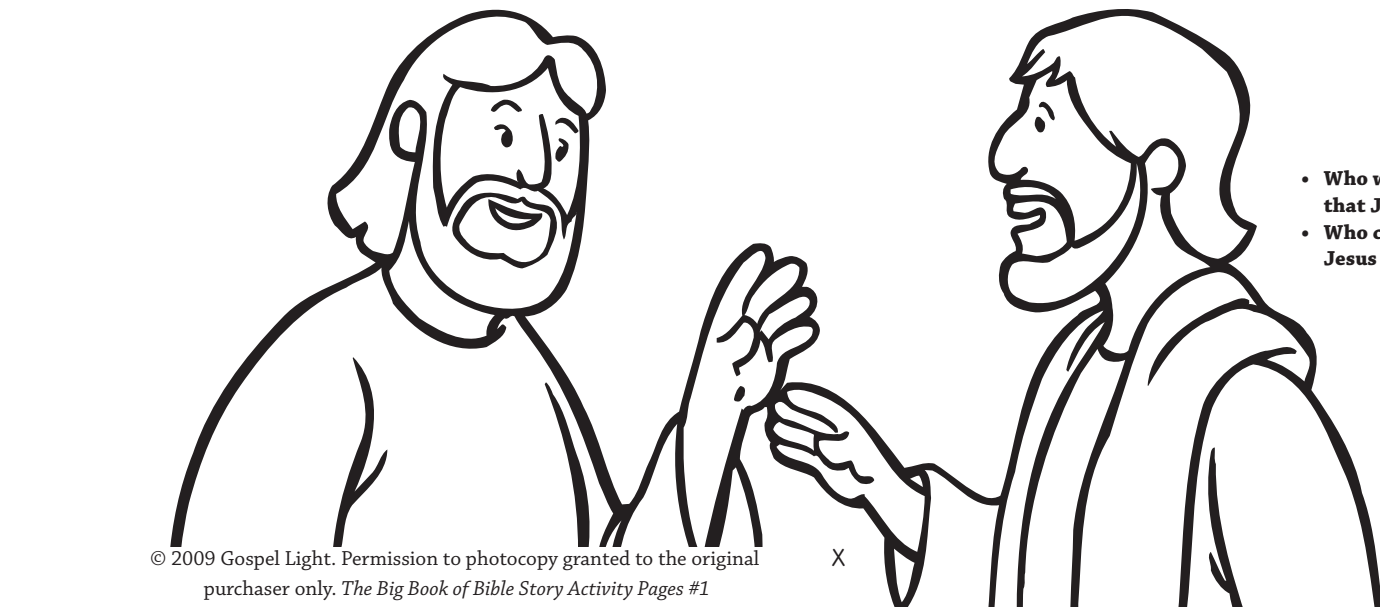
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Scene 2



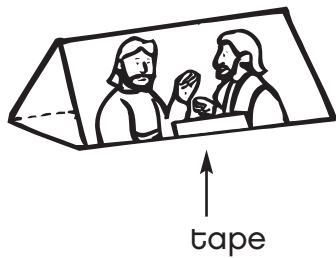
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Scene 3 **“Thomas said to Jesus, ‘My Lord and my God!’”** (See John 20:28.)



- Who was glad to know that Jesus is alive?
- Who can you tell that Jesus is alive?

- Teacher prefolds page.
- Child colors page.
- Child folds and tapes page together at X's and then uses scenes to retell story.



# Jesus Lives Today

Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53; John 21:1-14; Acts 1:3-11

## Jesus Helps His Friends

Jesus had died, but now He was alive again! Many times Jesus came to spend time with His friends. Jesus' friends were glad to see Jesus. He loved His friends. His friends were glad He loved them.

Once when they were fishing, Jesus helped His friends catch lots of fish. Their nets were so full of fish the friends could barely lift them up from the water! That was the day Jesus cooked some breakfast for His friends. Jesus told them that someday soon He would go back to heaven.

## Jesus Makes a Promise

Then the day came when it was time for Jesus to go back to heaven. He walked with His friends to the top of a mountain. Jesus said to His friends, "Remember that I am always with you. I will watch over you and take care of you. Someday I will come back, and we will be together in heaven." Jesus wanted them to know that even though they wouldn't see Jesus with their eyes, He would still be with them.

Jesus' friends listened quietly. "After I am gone," Jesus said, "go and tell people everywhere that I love them."

## Jesus Goes to Heaven

Then Jesus rose up off the ground! Jesus' friends must have been surprised! Jesus went up and up and UP into the sky. Soon His friends couldn't see Him anymore. They stood there, looking up.

## Jesus Will Come Back

Suddenly, there were two angels standing beside the friends. The angels said, "Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has gone to heaven! Someday He will come back again."

Jesus' friends were very glad! Now they knew Jesus was going to come back, just as He had promised. And they were glad because Jesus had promised to always be with them.

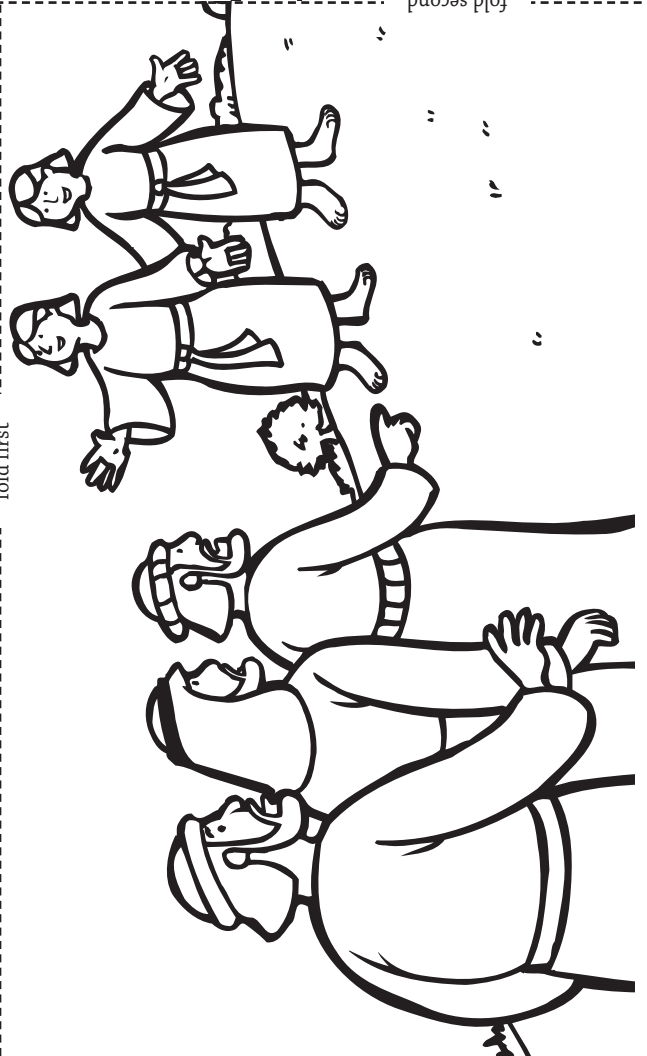
### Conclusion

**Jesus is always with us, too.  
We're glad to know this good news. Jesus is alive, and no matter where we go, He is with us. We can praise and thank Jesus for being with us and loving us.**

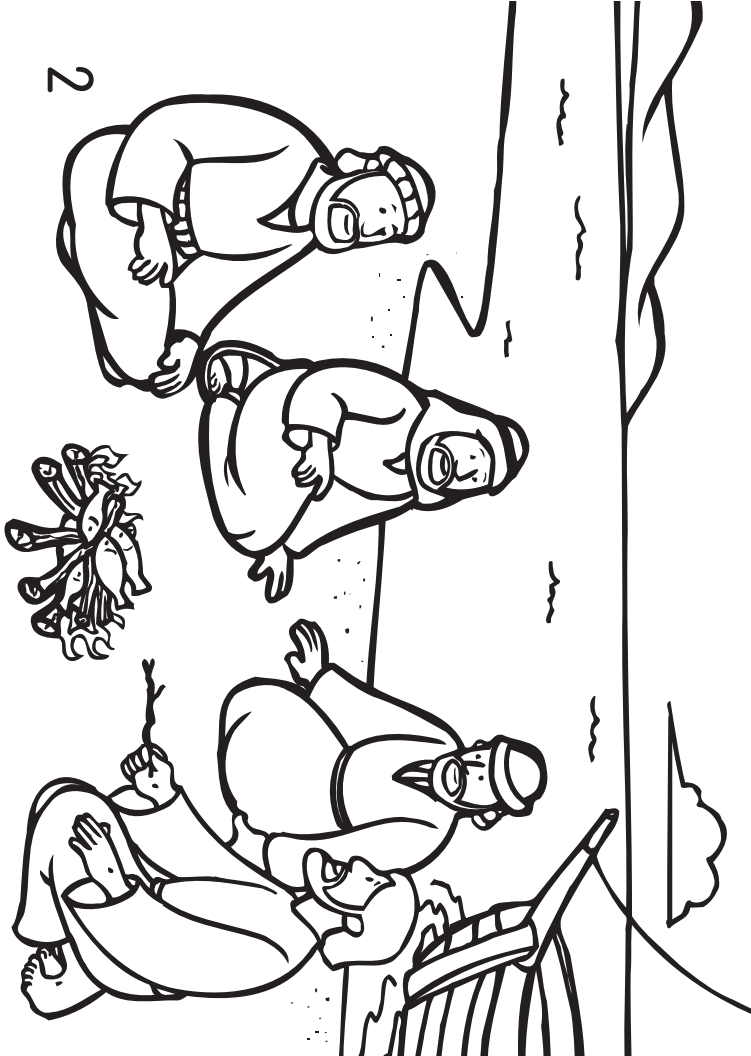


“Jesus said, ‘I am with you always.’” (See Matthew 28:20.)

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- Child folds booklet and colors pages.
- Child uses booklet to retell story action.



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Bible Story Activity 43

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- What did Jesus promise His friends?
- Jesus is always with you. Where are some places you go?

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