

St. James Episcopal Church
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!
APRIL 3, 2016—THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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Thomas

John 20:19-29

Jesus' friends saw him die, and saw his dead body put into a tomb. But Jesus said that death would be defeated. Jesus said that he would rise again, that he would be alive again. Jesus was right! He is alive! Here Jesus greets his friends and shows them that evil, death and darkness are nothing compared to the victory of life that God gives to us.



**BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME:
THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS**

FAMILY CONVERSATION: Faith and Experience: How do we Believe?

Today's Gospel story is about "doubting" Thomas, and how he didn't believe that Jesus was alive until saw Jesus. Thomas then did see Jesus, and he did believe. He said to Jesus "My Lord and my God!" Jesus wants us to believe in him whether we see him or not. We may not see Jesus, the person standing in front of us as Thomas did, but we see, hear, feel and witness God's love around us every day, every moment.

There are so many things that we might believe without seeing and things that we just have to see. What do you believe? What do you doubt? Talk about this with your kids! Take a walk at night. Look up at the stars. We are told that these stars are really huge, burning suns, just like our own. Do you believe this by seeing? Or do you believe it though our understanding of science?

Fill in the Blanks

- Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is _____ indeed! Alleluia!
- When it was evening on that day, the _____ day of the week.
- Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with _____"
- The disciples _____ when they saw the Lord.
- A _____ later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.
- Jesus said, "Do not doubt but _____."
- Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my _____!"

Choose from these words: REJOICED, GOD, BELIEVE, RISEN, YOU, WEEK, FIRST

John 20: 19-28

Dinner Table Conversation:

How do you know that someone loves you?

Can you see love?

How do you know that your family loves you?

How do you know that God exists? Perhaps—beauty and love in the world, things you read, things people tell you...

How do you know that God loves you? Perhaps—God made you in God's own perfect image, God gave you your loving family, Jesus who lived and died for us...