Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

JESUS APPEARED TO HIS DISCIPLES



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-31 from the Bible.

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TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE

If you're ever in Ozark, Missouri, and are brave enough, you should check out Smallin Cave. For a small fee, you can explore the miles of dark tunnels and wade in the pools of frigid water. The cave's darkness would scare the world's strongest man. The only light is the very dim, battery-operated lamp attached to your helmet. Sounds fun, right?

The tour of Smallin Cave is a frightening experience, yet people continue to sign up. Why? They sign up because they know that the guide will be close to them for the entire experience. In a similar way, Jesus served as the greatest guide to calm His disciple's fears. After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were afraid and confused. Some had heard Jesus was alive but doubted, and then Jesus appeared.

In the middle of this frightening experience, Jesus came to them with a message of hope and peace. He taught them. He ate with them. He even invited Thomas, who doubted that Jesus was alive, to come and touch His wounds. Thomas and the others were comforted because Jesus was with them. They couldn't wait to share the message that Jesus is alive!

Jesus's disciples had left Him when He was arrested, but Jesus died and rose again to give them hope, peace, and forgiveness. Jesus offers peace and forgiveness to everyone who trusts in Him.

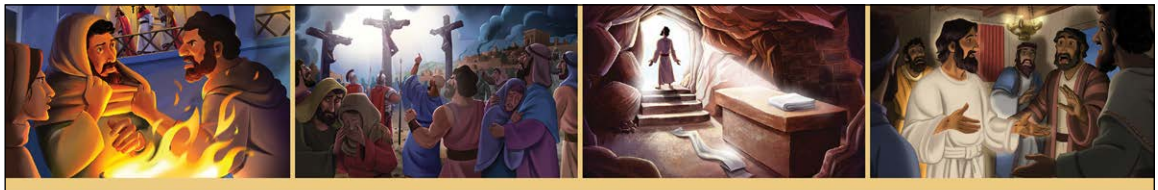
Pray: *Jesus, we worship You because You are alive! When we have doubts, please remind us that You are with us. Help us tell others the good news that You are alive! Amen.*

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LEARN SCRIPTURE

The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



If God is for us, who is against us? He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all.

Romans 8:31b-32a

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SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the key passage song. This song is a helpful way to worship as your family learns and memorizes the key passage.

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Family Prayer Time

Mornings
Ask Jesus to remind you of His presence as you go throughout the day. What can we do to remind ourselves that Jesus is with us? How does this knowledge help us face challenges?

Evenings
Pray for the good news of Jesus to spread to all nations. Ask God to raise up and send out Ask God to increase your faith in Jesus and your courage to share Him with others. What are some of the doubts that you need faith to overcome? How can we encourage others who may have doubts about Jesus?

Family Activities

For Fun
Make a list of the visions Daniel saw in Daniel 7. Play a game of charades as a family where Set up an obstacle course through the house and try to navigate through the course blindfolded. Attempt the course a second time with a family member holding your hand or guiding you by their voice. Talk about how faith is believing in something not seen. Even though we have not seen Jesus, we are blessed when we believe in Him.

To Serve
Gather supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, snacks, soap, and a pocket Bible to include in a care bag for those who are homeless in your community. Help your child place each item into the bags with care. Create cards of encouragement with your child, writing messages that share truths about God's love and kindness. Talk together about how these bags can bless others and pray for the people who will receive them.

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