

DID YOU KNOW? (PRESCHOOL)

WEEK 4

BIG IDEA

Did you know we can trust Jesus?

BIBLE

John 20:19-31

WELCOME TIME

PLAY | Free Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tables will be set with toys and activities for kids to play until the lesson begins. This is a great opportunity to get to know kids and build relationships.*
 - *Get on the floor and be silly*
 - *Play along with what they're playing*
 - *Ask get-to-know-you questions*
 - *Learn names and use them as you interact*

MUSIC | Worship Playlist

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *-During free time, use one of our spotify playlists to play some background music.*

CLEAN UP

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- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Before moving onto the lesson content, play the "Clean Up" song and work together as a class to put all toys and activities away.*
 - *Place all toys in labelled tubs.*
 - *Place all tubs on shelves labelled with service time.*

INTRO

ACTIVITY | Trust Walk

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Create an obstacle course with things you have in your environment. You can use chairs, tables, toys, plastic cups, hula hoops, etc. Ask a kid volunteer to come up front and blindfold them. Explain to them that they will have to trust you to guide them safely through the obstacle course. Guide as many kids through the course as time permits.*
 - **TODDLER HACK:** *Instead of having toddlers walk through obstacles, have them wear a blindfold but hold their hand as you lead them around the room.*
- It was hard to trust me when you couldn't see what was going on around you, right? But I got you safely across the obstacle course.
- **Did you know we can trust Jesus?** Yes, we can!
- Just like you couldn't see me but trusted I would help you, Jesus will always guide you and be with you, even though you can't see Jesus.

TEACHING TIME

BIBLE STORY | Jesus Appears to The Disciples

- Now it's time for our-Bible story!
- We're bringing back our sound effects so that you can play a part in the story, too! You'll need to listen VERY carefully.-
 - Whenever you see this sign-[*show thumbs up*],-say, "YAY!!"
 - Whenever you see this sign-[*show thumbs down*], say "Aww!"-
 - Let's practice [play sounds and have kids practice saying "yay" or "aww"]
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Retell the story from John 20:19-31 by incorporating the following sound effects into your Bible story that require audience participation: victory trumpet and losing horn.*
- We learned a lot of things this month.
 - We heard how Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem on a donkey, and the people welcomed him like they would a king! [*show thumbs up*]
 - But not long after that, the people turned on Jesus and he was arrested and sent to die on a cross. [*show thumbs down*]
 - But not long after *that*, we found out that Jesus came back to life! [*show thumbs up*]
- Today's Bible story tells us what happened after Jesus was alive again.
- One day, Jesus' friends were all together in one room. They were kind of hiding because they thought they might get arrested like Jesus did. They were very scared. **Show me how you would make a scared face.**
 - [*show thumbs down*]
- But while they were in the room, somebody appeared to them. The doors were still locked but he was there anyway. It was Jesus!
 - [*show thumbs up*]
 - **Do you think the disciples were still afraid?** No! They were happy Jesus was back!
- But one disciple wasn't there and didn't get to see Jesus. His name was Thomas. Thomas didn't believe it when his friends told him Jesus was

alive again.

◦ *[show thumbs down]*

- Thomas wanted to see Jesus for himself. And one day, he got his wish! Jesus appeared in front of all his friends again, and this time Thomas was there!

◦ *[show thumbs up]*

- Jesus let Thomas see and feel where he had been hurt - he showed him the scars. Now Thomas knew for sure that it was the real Jesus and Jesus was really alive!

◦ *[show thumbs up]*

- Thomas had to see with his own eyes to believe. But Jesus said that some people can believe even though they don't see. What does that mean?
- **Can you see the wind?** No! But you can feel the wind on your face, can't you? And you can see the trees swaying in the wind, right? God works the same way – we may not see God with our eyes, but there are all kinds of signs around us that tell us God is with us.
- Sometimes when we are lost and we don't know which way to go, there are signs that help us.
- Whenever we are confused and don't know what to do, we know there is someone we can always trust. Jesus!
 - You can trust Jesus to comfort you when you're sad.
 - You can trust Jesus to take care of your family.
 - You can trust Jesus to watch over your friends.
 - You can trust Jesus when you're scared.
- Jesus loves you more than anyone so you can trust Him no matter what!
- **Did you know we can trust Jesus?** Let's say it together: **I trust Jesus!**

- I think it's time to get up and move around! Let's worship God together!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Introduce some of the motions to the class before playing the song. Then, dance along together as you worship! Here are the songs for this month:*
 - "I Love The Way"
 - "Very Best Friend"
 - "Love Like Jesus"
 - "I'm Gonna Tell"

MEMORY VERSE | II Peter 3:18a

- Great job! God loves to hear your voices singing to him!
- This month, we're working together to memorize a verse from the Bible. This verse reminds us how to love Jesus. *[Read verse]*
- To "grow in grace and knowledge" means to know more about Jesus and learn to do what He teaches us to do!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Have kids squat down as low as they can and slowly get up as they say the memory verse with you, making sure they jump as soon as they reach the end. Do this with the kids so they can get the timing right.*

PRAYER

- Before we go into our small groups, let's pray together. Will you fold your hands together and close your eyes to show me you're ready to

pray?

- Dear God, thank you for sending us Jesus! Thank you for reminding us how much you love each of us. Help us to always trust you. Amen.

DISCUSSION TIME

DISCUSSION | Small Group

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Review the Bible story by placing the story images face up on the table or floor. As you re-tell today's Bible story, encourage the kids to find the image that goes with that part of the story.*
- In our Bible story today, we heard about what happened after Jesus came back to life. His friends were hiding out together. **-Can you find the picture of the house where Jesus' friends were gathered together?**
- After Jesus died, His friends were feeling scared about what might happen to them. They weren't sure what to do. **Can you find Jesus' friend that looks scared?-**
- They had the doors locked, but all of a sudden there was someone else in the room with them! It was Jesus! **-Can you find the picture of Jesus appearing in the room with his friends?**
- Jesus' friends were amazed and SO happy that Jesus had come back to life. Jesus is so strong and powerful that he even overcame death!
- But one friend, Thomas, wasn't there that night. **Can you find the picture of the empty seat?**
- When the friends saw Thomas, they told him all about what had happened, but He hadn't seen Jesus and he couldn't believe what he was hearing. He had to see for himself.
- Then one day, Jesus appeared to them again and Thomas WAS there. He got to see Jesus for himself and he even got to touch the scars

where Jesus had been nailed to the cross.-

- Jesus told Thomas that we can trust Him even without seeing. **Did you know that you can trust Jesus?**

MEMORY VERSE | 2 Peter 3:18a

- **INSTRUCTIONS:**-*After discussion, pass out coloring pages and crayons. While kids color, review the memory verse with kids, awarding prizes.*
 - *Keep kids in groups until picked up.*
 - *You can also use this time to talk to kids about prayer needs and pray for them*
- Let's say our memory verse together again:
 - **"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 3:18a**