

Believe

Youth and Family Worship

April 11, 2021

Call to Worship

L: This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

P: Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

L: Walk in the light of his love.

P: Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

L: Come, let us worship the One Who overcame death.

P: Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. AMEN.

Opening Prayer:

Lord of Resurrection surprises, open our hearts this day to the presence of Jesus Christ. Erase our excuses for unbelief, and exchange them for strong witness to the power of your mercy and love. Give us courage and challenge us to walk the path of discipleship, knowing that Jesus goes before us, leading and guiding our steps. In his name, we pray. AMEN.

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Children's Bible Story

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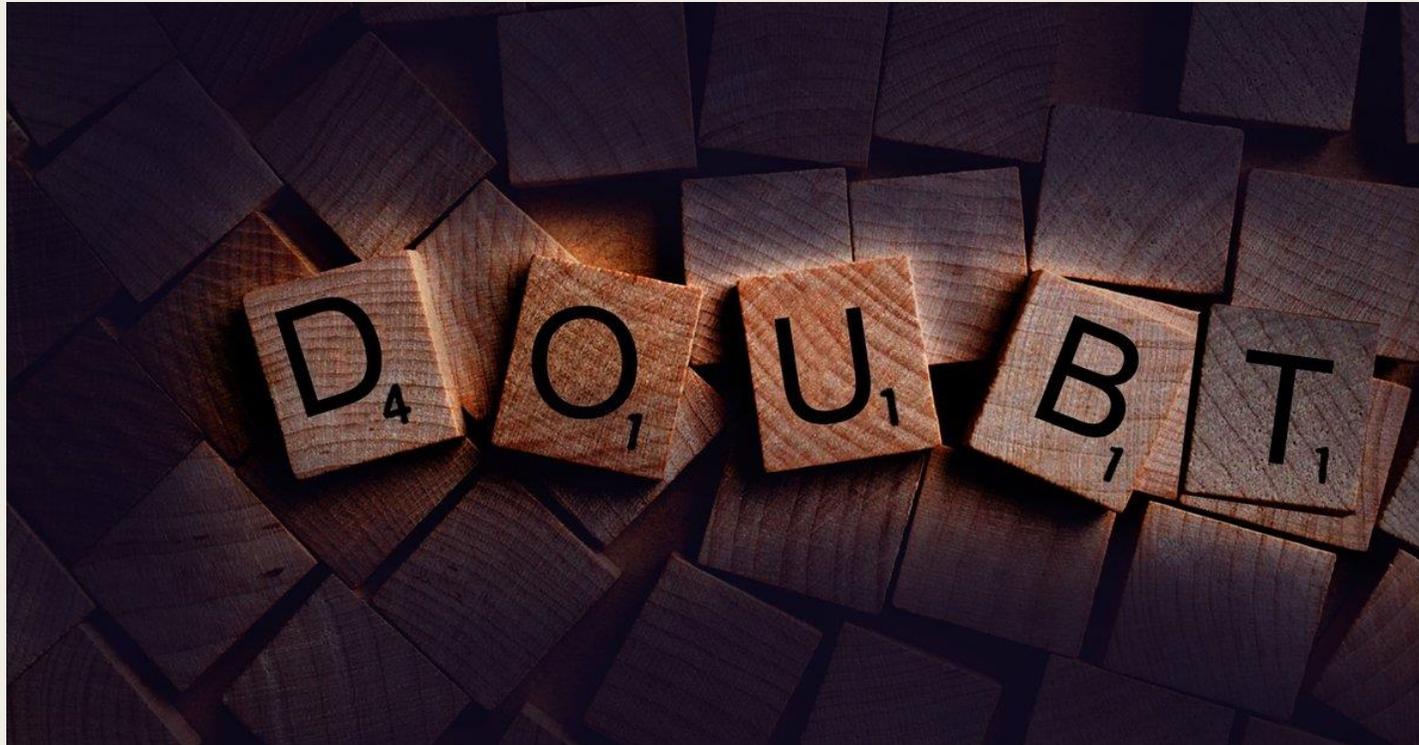
Kids Worship

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxsznCQStbE&ab_channel=MaryvilleVineyardKidsWorship



Object Lesson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFNm-q6G7AY&ab_channel=FAMILYMOMENTS



Kids worship

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9YMXpjB25g&ab_channel=GoFishKidsMusic



Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

20:19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

20:21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

20:22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

20:23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

20:24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

20:25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

20:26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

20:30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

20:31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Adult and Youth Bible Study, Journal, or Discussion

Describe what is happening in verse 19. How would you feel if you were in the room with Jesus and the disciples?

What is the first thing Jesus said to them? [Answer: Peace be with you” (v. 19).

Who was missing from this first encounter with Jesus? Where do you think he was?

When the disciples tell Thomas that Jesus had come to them, what does Thomas say? [Answer: “Unless I see the marks of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe” (v. 25).]

What could make it hard for Thomas to believe that Jesus came and visited the disciples?

What makes it hard for people to believe in Jesus sometimes? What do they have in common with Thomas?

We read in verse 26 that the disciples were again locked in a house. How have you felt isolated or alone this past year? How does your understanding of isolation help you identify with some of the feelings the disciples have in this episode?

Has it been hard for you to believe in God during this time? Why or why not?

What has helped you grow in your faith during these series of quarantines or lock downs?

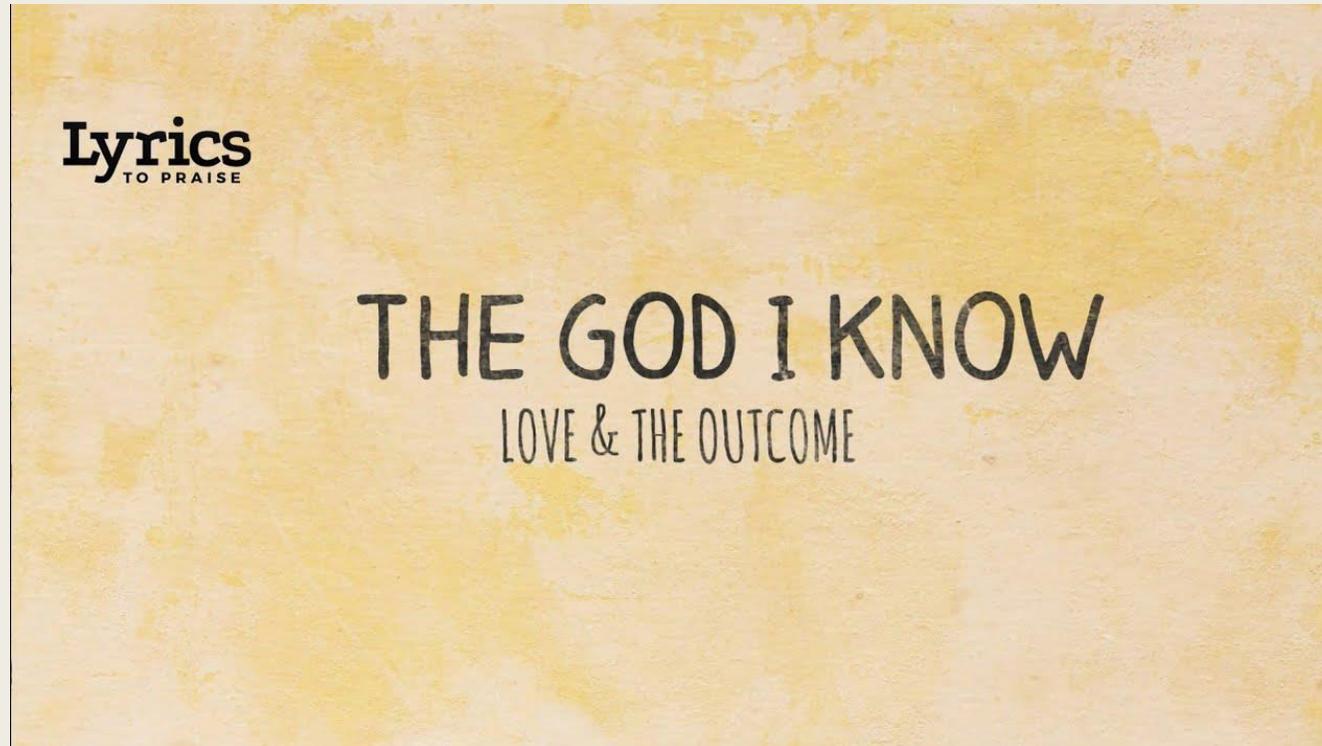
Jesus goes on to say, “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” (v. 29) What do you think he means by this? [Answer: Jesus is commissioning Thomas to go and help others believe. Even though they won’t physically be able to see Jesus, they will be able to see the love of Christ through our words and actions.]

How are you struggling with your own faith?

Who can we reach out to this week who really needs help seeing Christ at work in the world? How can we show them that love?

Youth and Adult Worship Music

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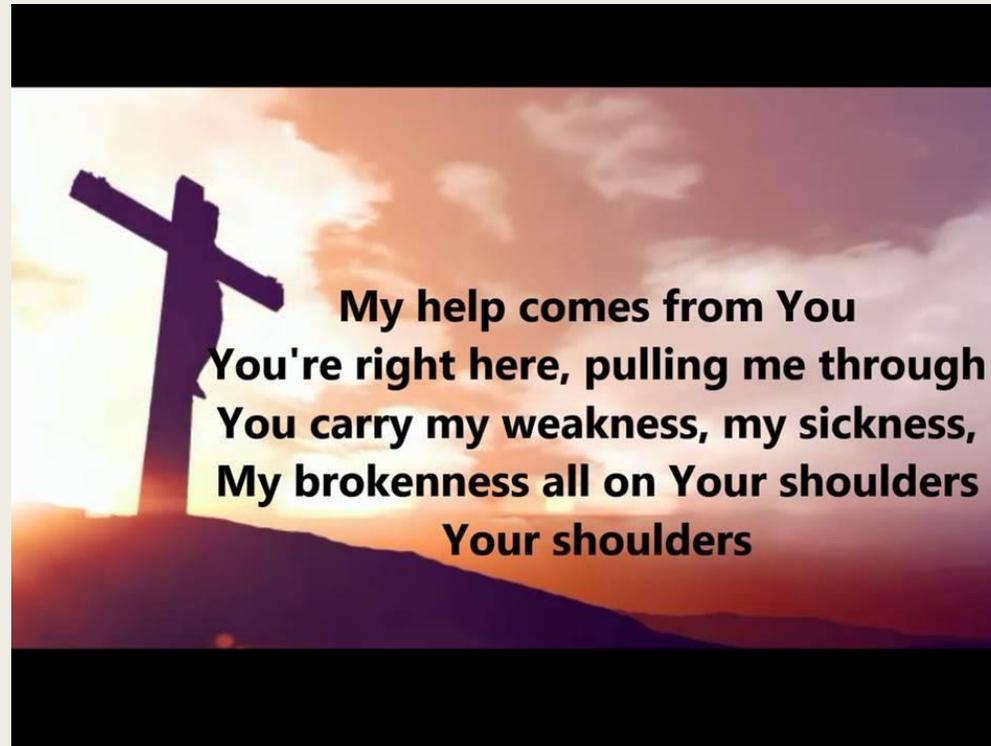
Mini Message: Doubt

It's ok. We all have doubt. Sometimes my doubt is based on fear like when Jesus told Peter to get out of the boat and walk on water. When I am more focused on being afraid of falling instead of on God, I ultimately fall. Other times my doubt is based on wanting real answers, a real a connection with something solid. I think having doubt shows that we have faith. We should be so comfortable in our relationship with God that we can ask God questions. It means that you trust God. It means your relationship is authentic because you can be honest about how you feel. God wants us to ask questions. And through that searching, amazing growth can happen in your life. It's also important for us to listen. God will answer us in many different ways through so many mediums. Instead of running from doubt lean into it. Embrace it. Allow it to become our teacher.



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Benediction:

Lord of mercy, be with us as we go from this place today. Fill our lives with your love. Help us to bring the good news of hope and peace wherever we go. Let us truly be people of the Resurrection - the Easter people! AMEN.

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