A person wearing a white, flowing robe is shown from the chest down, holding their right hand outstretched towards the viewer. The background is a soft, warm, golden light. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Jesus Appears

Family and Youth Worship

April 18, 2021

Call to Worship

L: Fear hung over the disciples as a dark cloud.

P: Huddled in the upper room, they spoke in soft whispers, afraid of the sound of their own voices.

L: Lightning flashed in their souls.

P: Christ, the Risen Lord, was standing with them, eating with them, talking with them.

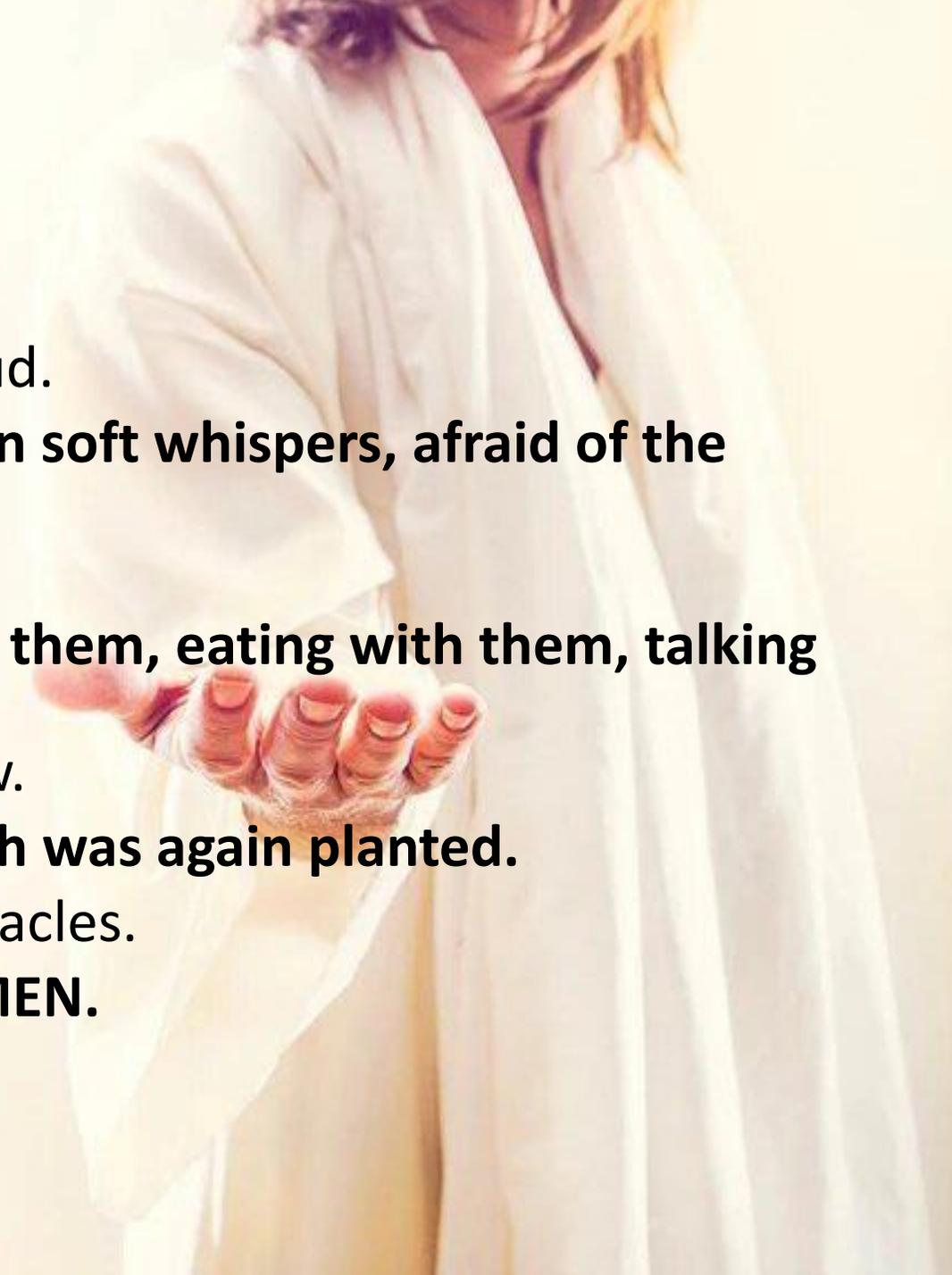
L: Where doubt had reigned, hope now grew.

P: Where fear and panic had laid claim, faith was again planted.

L: Come, let us worship the God of great miracles.

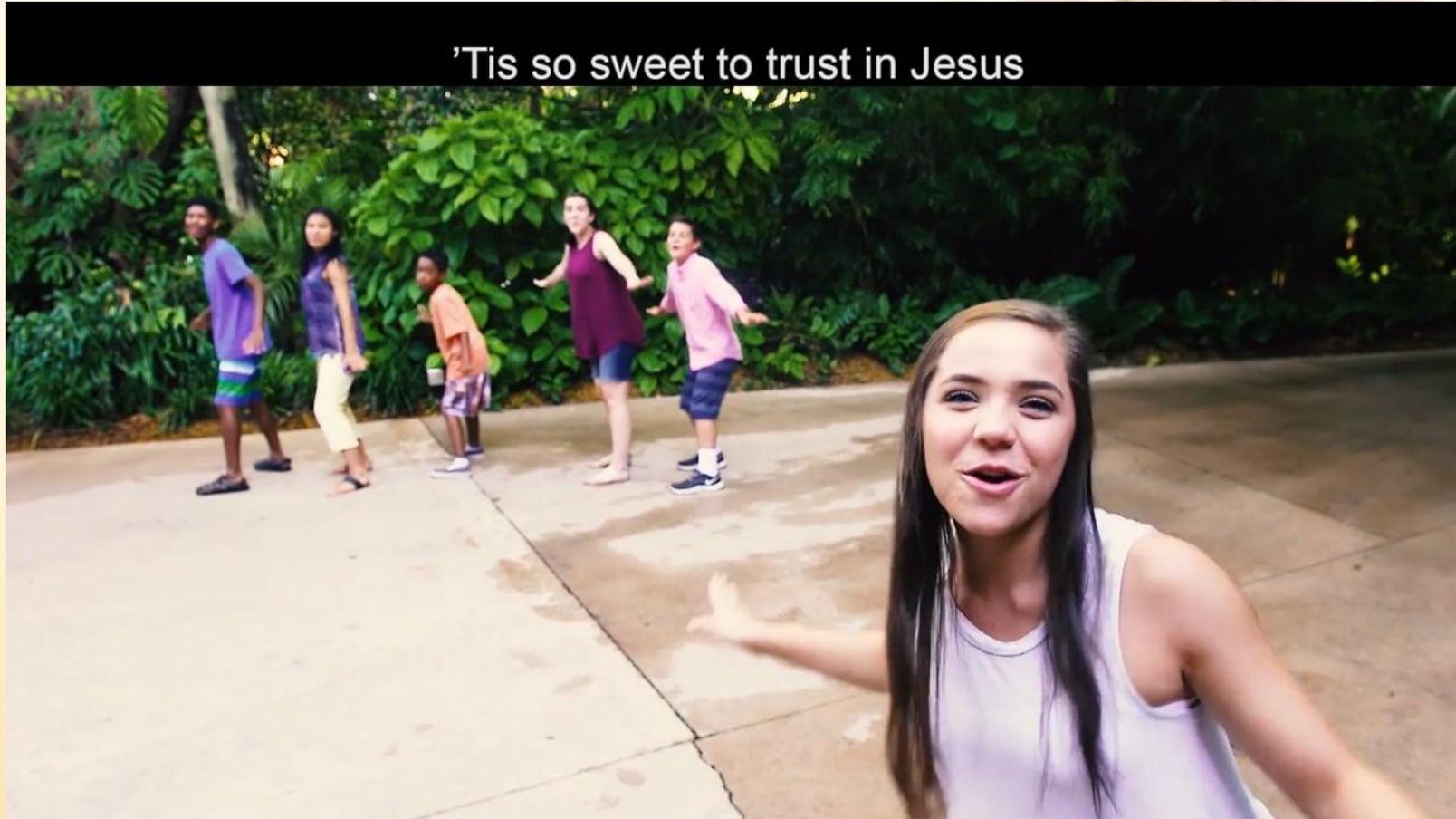
P: Let us lift our voices in praise to God! AMEN.

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Children's worship song

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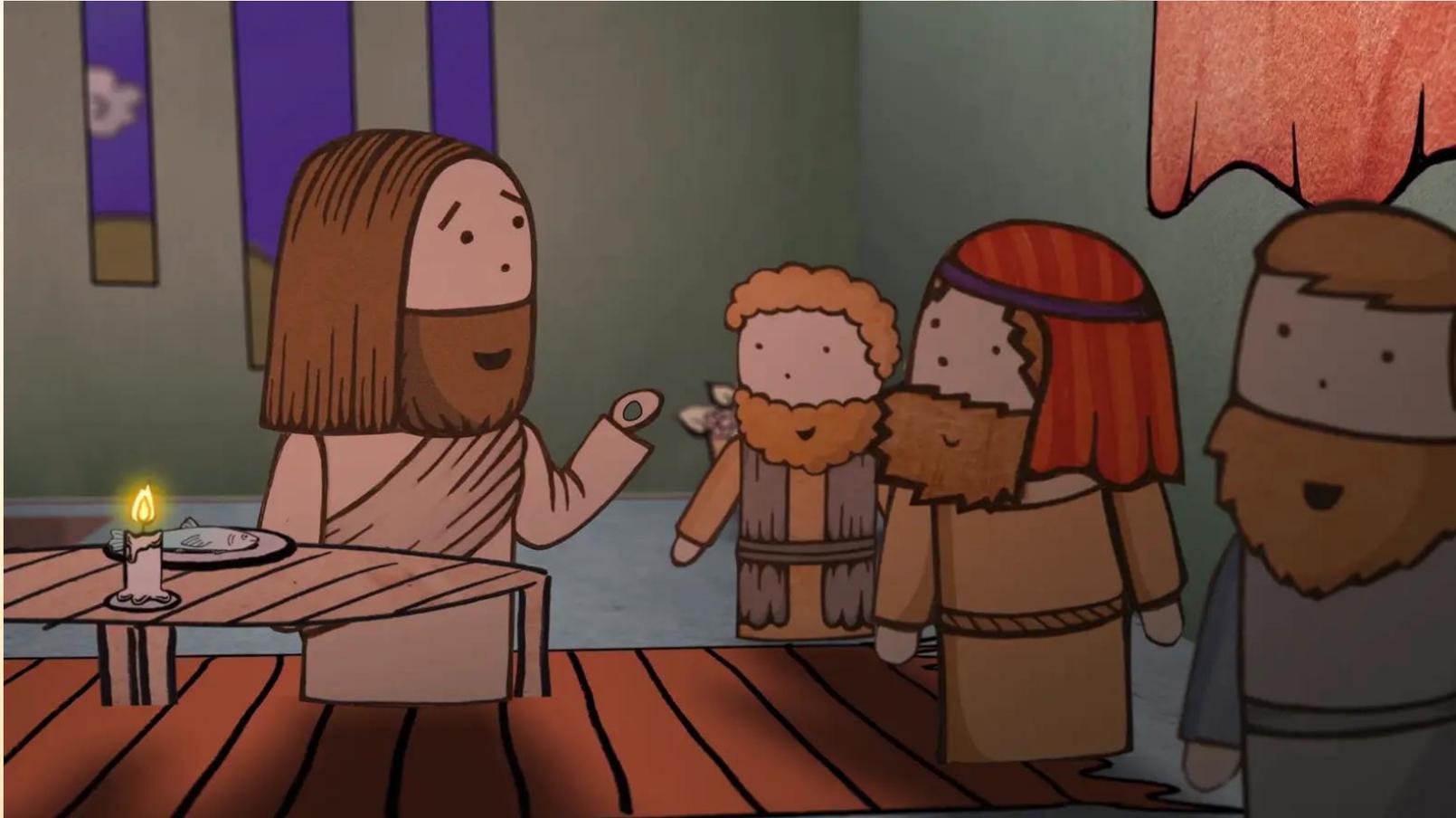


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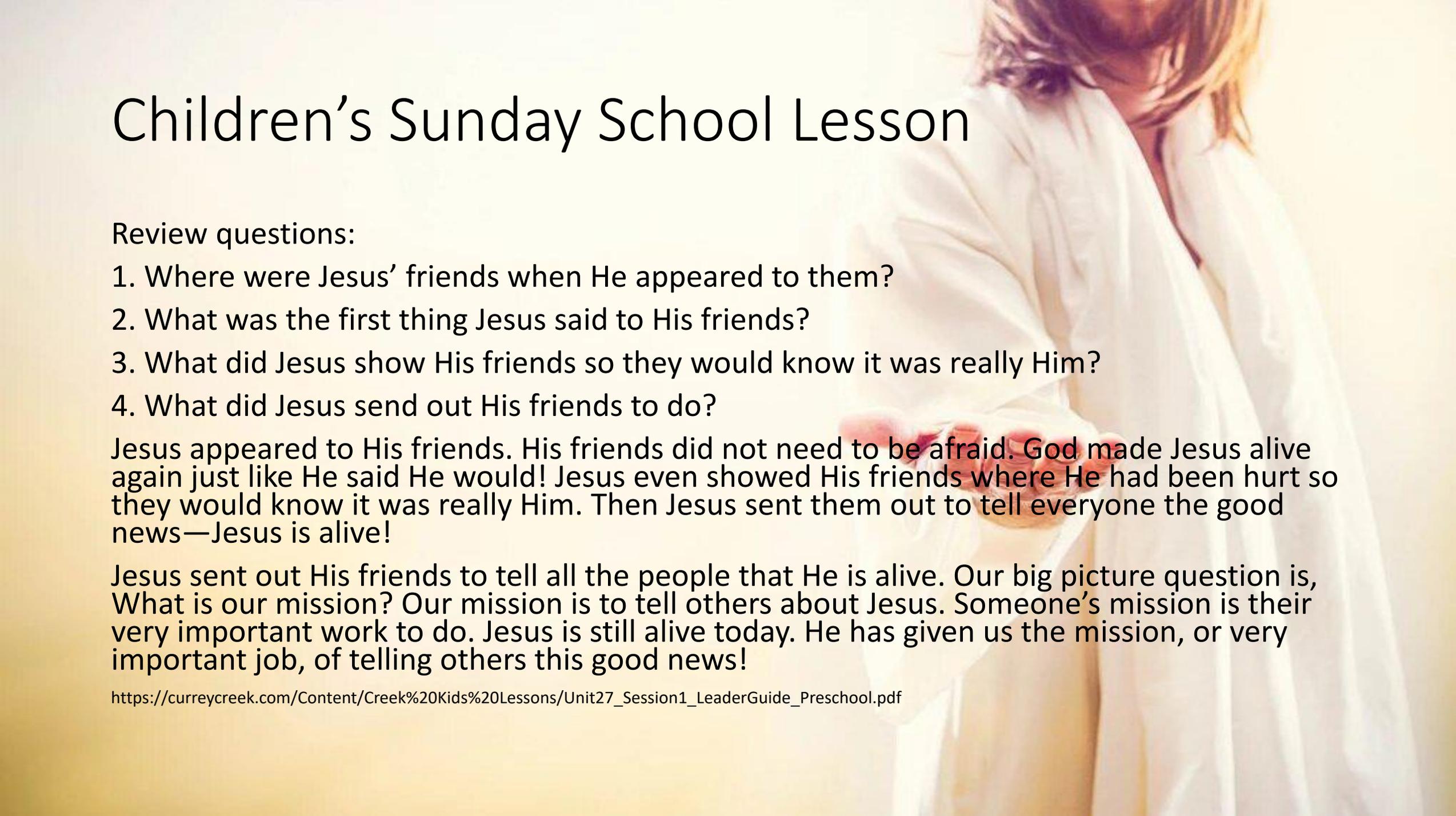
O God, who chased the gloom of the disciples with the gospel of Easter and drowned their desert of despair in a sea of grace, surprise us this day. Take from us the presumption that leans on our strength instead of yours, that mistakes our wisdom for yours, and equates our will with yours. Assure us once again that our Lord's promise to be with us always still holds good. And be present with us now, as in the days of Jesus, to make us whole and to make us holy.

Children's Bible Story: Jesus Appears to the Disciples

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eqYs30C1uY&ab_channel=LSKids



Children's Sunday School Lesson



Review questions:

1. Where were Jesus' friends when He appeared to them?
2. What was the first thing Jesus said to His friends?
3. What did Jesus show His friends so they would know it was really Him?
4. What did Jesus send out His friends to do?

Jesus appeared to His friends. His friends did not need to be afraid. God made Jesus alive again just like He said He would! Jesus even showed His friends where He had been hurt so they would know it was really Him. Then Jesus sent them out to tell everyone the good news—Jesus is alive!

Jesus sent out His friends to tell all the people that He is alive. Our big picture question is, What is our mission? Our mission is to tell others about Jesus. Someone's mission is their very important work to do. Jesus is still alive today. He has given us the mission, or very important job, of telling others this good news!

Peace Sign Craft Project



- Make a peace sign and decorate it using any items you wish—crayons, markers, paint, pictures, flowers, stickers. Hang it somewhere in your room or home as a reminder to be a vessel of peace for others.



Children's Worship Song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUTLi2uIVGA&ab_channel=CurtisSwallow



Scripture: Luke 24:36b-48

24:36b While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

24:37 They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.

24:38 He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?"

24:39 Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."

24:40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

24:41 While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

24:42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish,

24:43 and he took it and ate in their presence.

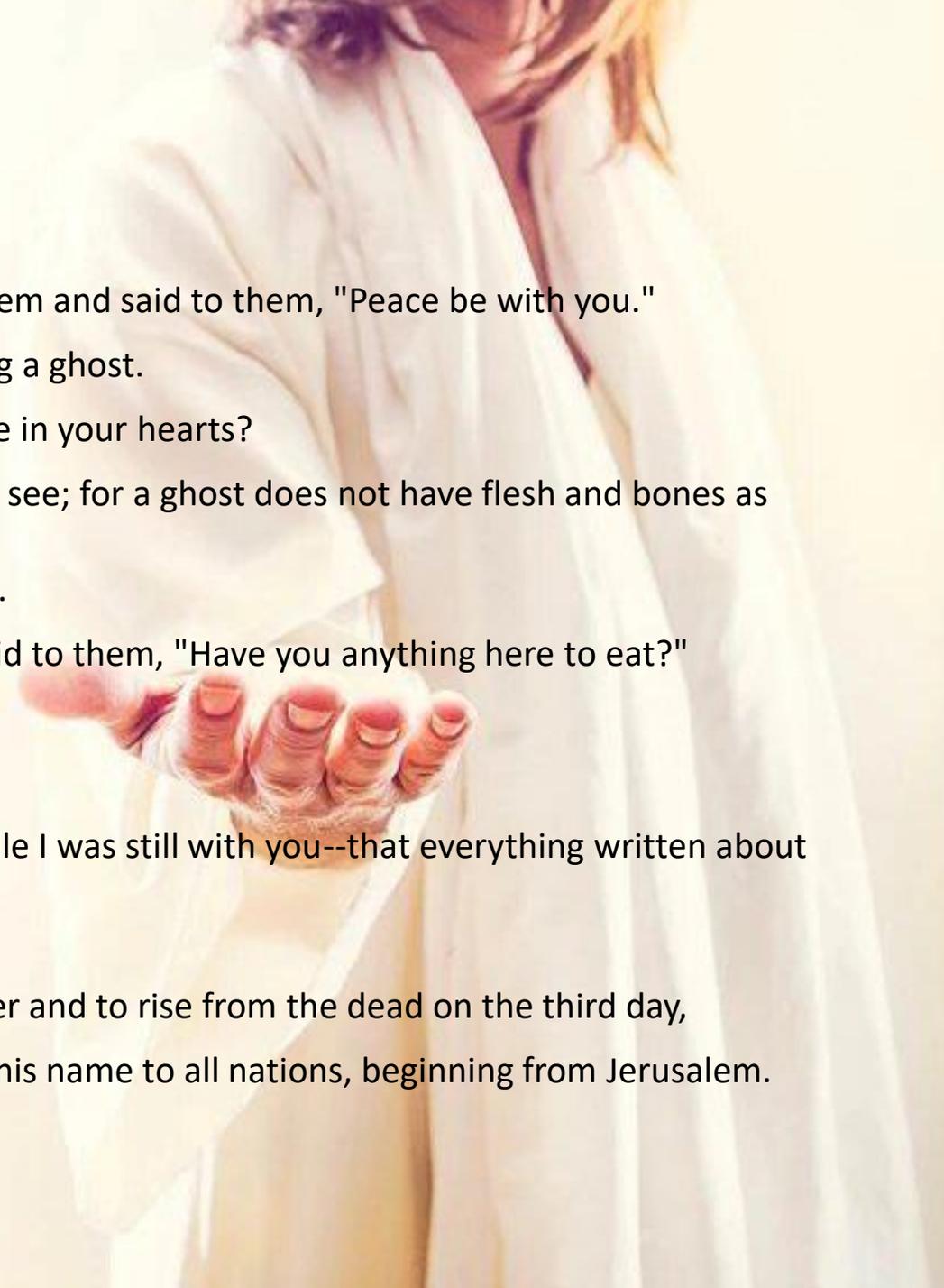
24:44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

24:45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,

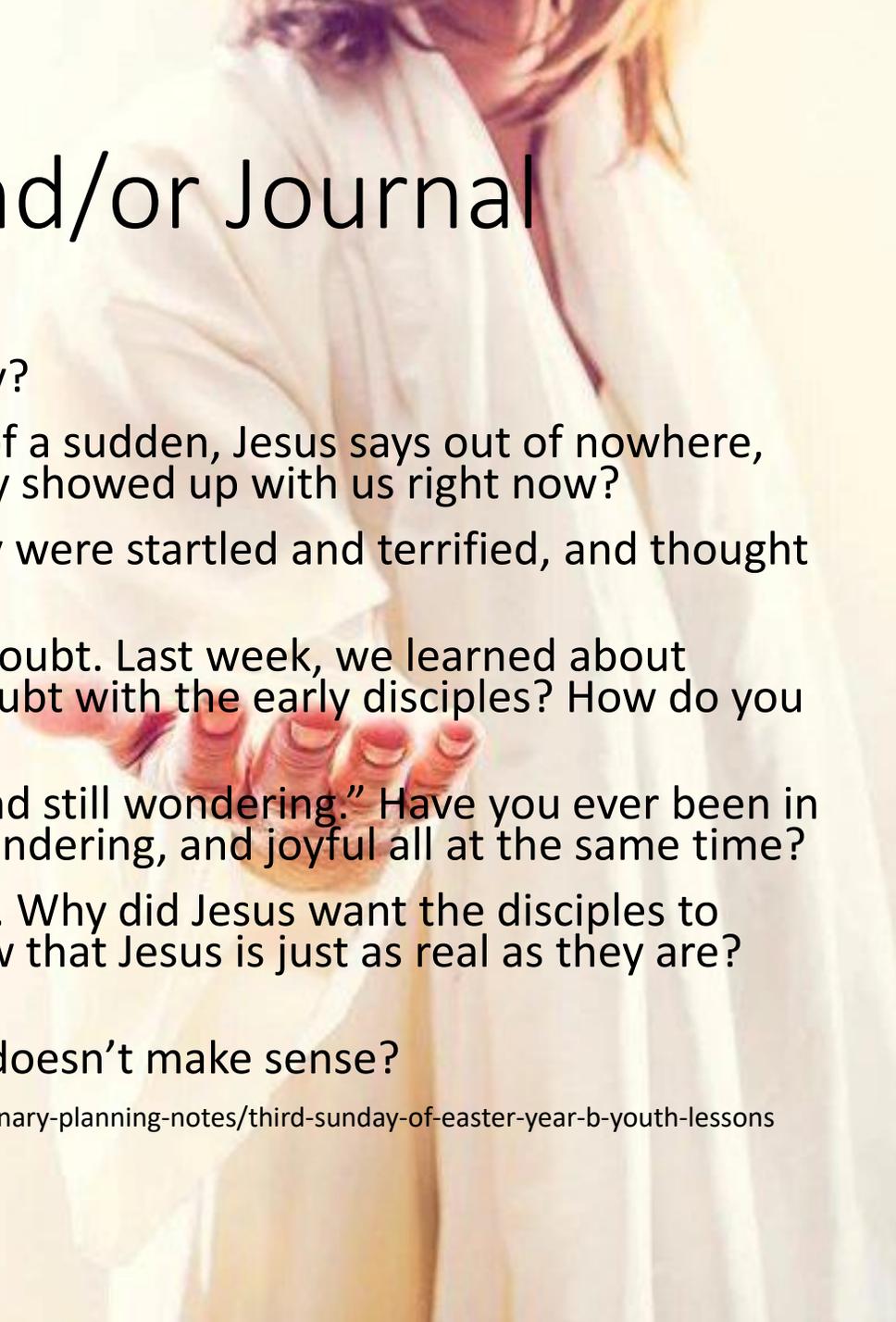
24:46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,

24:47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

24:48 You are witnesses of these things.



Youth Lesson Discussion and/or Journal

A person wearing a white robe, likely representing Jesus, with their hands clasped in a prayerful gesture. The background is a soft, warm light.

What sticks out to you the most about what we read today?

At the beginning of the story, the disciples are talking; all of a sudden, Jesus says out of nowhere, “Peace be with you.” How would you feel if Jesus randomly showed up with us right now?

How did the disciples react? [Answer: Verse 37 says, “They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.”]

In verse 38, we see Jesus asking the disciples about their doubt. Last week, we learned about Thomas’s doubts. Why do you think there was so much doubt with the early disciples? How do you think doubt gets expressed in our world today?

Verse 41 says, “While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering.” Have you ever been in a similar situation? That is, have you been disbelieving, wondering, and joyful all at the same time?

In our reading today, the word “ghost” is mentioned twice. Why did Jesus want the disciples to know he wasn’t a ghost? What is important that they know that Jesus is just as real as they are? What does this tell us about the person of Jesus?

Looking back over the story, what is still confusing? What doesn’t make sense?

Youth and Adult worship

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q2UwTS90Hrg&ab_channel=DavidArchuleta

A person with long blonde hair, wearing a white robe, is shown from the chest up, holding a scroll. The scroll is the central focus, displaying lyrics in a typewriter-style font on a dark, textured background. The lyrics are: "I DON'T HAVE TO SEE HIM I DON'T HAVE TO TOUCH HIS HANDS TO KNOW THAT THOSE NAILS PIERCED THROUGH TO SAVE THIS SINFUL MAN I DON'T HAVE TO BE THERE DON'T HAVE TO ROLL THE STONE AWAY TO KNOW THAT HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD TO OVERCOME THE GRAVE I KNOW HE LIVES I KNOW HE LIVES I KNOW HE LIVES US THE LAMB THE GREAT I AM I KNOW HE LIVES EVEN IN MY WORRY EVEN IN MY DARKEST HOUR HIS LOVE IS ENOUGH TO FILL ME UP AND LIFT ME HIGHER AND WHEN I FAIL TO DO RIGHT I GET DOWN ON MY KNEES AMAZING GRACE HOW SWEET THE SOUND SAVING A WRETCH LIKE ME I KNOW HE LIVES I KNOW HE LIVES JESUS THE LAMB THE GREAT I AM I KNOW HE LIVES FATHER I THANK THEE FOR YOUR ONE AND ONLY FOR THE DEATH ON CALVARY FROM HE TO ME TAKE ME EMPTY I KNOW HE LIVES I KNOW HE LIVES I KNOW HE LIVES I KNOW HE LIVES JESUS THE LAMB THE GREAT I AM I KNOW HE LIVES I KNOW HE LIVES I KNOW HE LIVES I KNOW HE LIVES JESUS THE LAMB THE GREAT I AM I KNOW HE LIVES DAVID ARCHULETA". The words "I KNOW HE LIVES" and "HE LIVES" are repeated in large, bold, white letters throughout the text.

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Mini Message

This week I found myself struggling with a personal decision. A decision about what direction I should go. I said to my husband I wish someone would tell me what to do. I wish I could see the future and know which path I should take. Have you struggled this year with feeling as if you have little control over your life? Maybe you're feeling a disconnect—even from Jesus. Maybe you have thought to yourself, “If only Jesus were right here with me, He could tell me what to do. It's so easy to feel lost and alone when our life gets overwhelming or difficult.

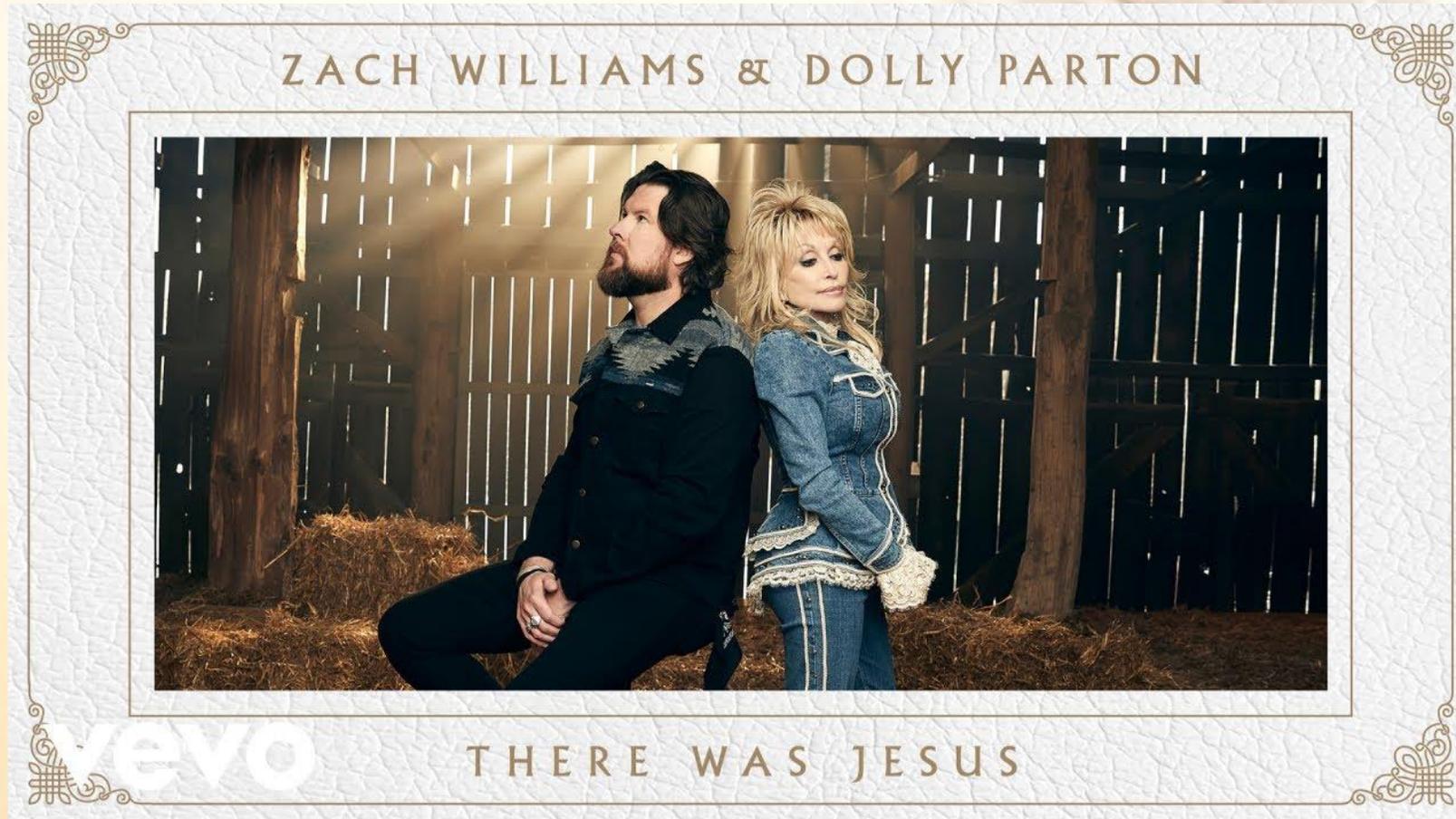
Imagine how the disciples felt after Jesus left them. They truly knew what it was like to “do life” without him.

Our scripture this week reminded me that we are not alone. God has given us an amazing gift. Our scripture reminds us that Jesus is there. He is our constant. He guides, He loves. He brings care to those around Him. He is present and leading. He is our shelter in the storm and constant through the changes. He understands our weakness and doubt, and gently walks with us through it.

Lean upon Him, listen to Him, and put your trust in Him. When you feel alone know that Jesus is here.

Adult and Youth Worship song

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37wV6D49iEY&ab_channel=zachwilliamsVEVO



Benediction

O Lord, as you have made disciples of us, now you send us into the world to make disciples of others. Go with us and be our guide, that the witness of our lives may confirm the testimony of our lips.

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