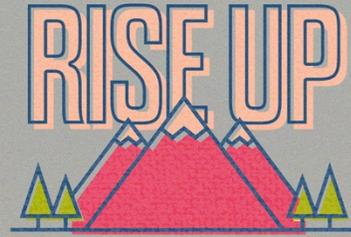




Family Guide Week of April 11



THE BIG IDEA

Jesus connects us to each other.

THE BIBLE

Jesus Appears to the Disciples: John 20:19-31;
(I John 1:1-4)

What are we talking about today?

VIDEO | Rise Up, Episode 2

INSTRUCTIONS: *Play this week's video.*

SPARK Story Bible page, 492 Read the Bible story together as a family. Act it out if that is something your family likes to do.

- When Jesus came into the room, what did Jesus say to the disciples?
- What did Thomas say to the other disciples when they told him they saw Jesus alive?
- For Thomas to believe, what did Jesus show Thomas?
- Read I John 1:3. What do you think it means to have fellowship with God?
- Fellowship is one way to say we are connecting with others. What are some ways we connect with others in general?
- Who are the people you are connected with when you believe in Jesus?
- What is one thing you can do to connect more people to your community of people who know and love God?

SCRIPTURE | I John 1:1-4

INSTRUCTIONS: *Read I John 1:1-4 out loud.*

John, the writer of this book, was one of Jesus' disciples. He wrote about what he saw and heard about Jesus. He wanted everyone who read these verses to be connected with Jesus in the same way the disciples were after Jesus rose again.

Now, imagine you were one of the disciples Jesus appeared to. Talk about ways you would you share your story to others?



ACTIVITY | **Followers' Chain**

Supplies Needed: paper, scissors, writing tools.

INSTRUCTIONS: Cut enough two- to three-inch wide strips of paper for each family member. Have each family member write "Jesus" on one side of their paper and their name on the other side. Glue or staple each strip of paper together to make a chain. Fold the paper so "Jesus" is facing out. Make one, long chain with every family member name attached.

- What do you see when you look at the chain?
- I see Jesus on each link! Jesus is how each of us are connected!
- Hang it up somewhere in your home to remind you that **Jesus connects us to each other.**

MEMORY VERSE | **Memory in Motion**

INSTRUCTIONS: Have family members come up with motion for the memory verse,

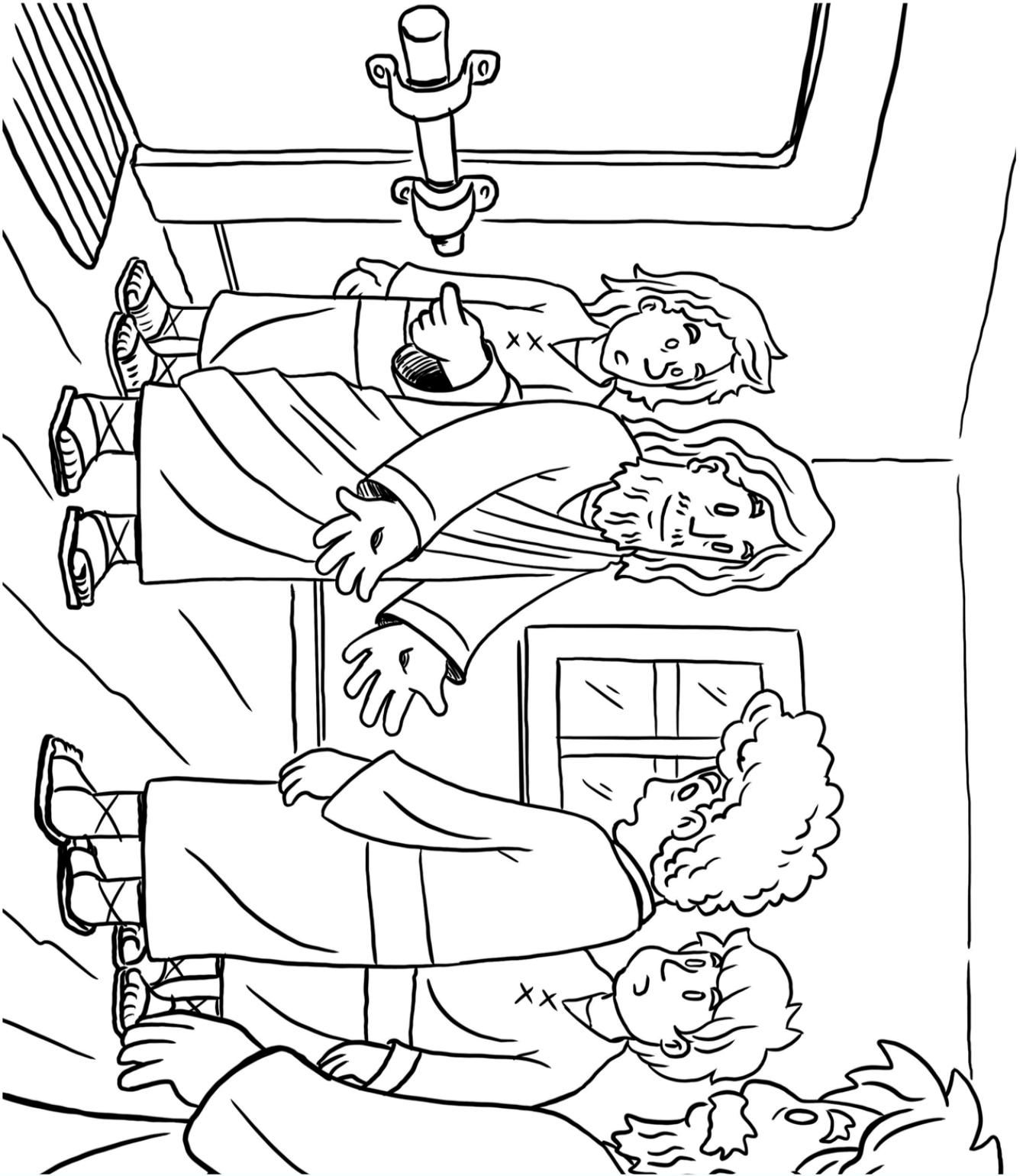
Romans 10:9 "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raise him from the dead, you will be saved.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for always helping us to build our faith and confidence in you. Thank you for connecting us all to help us in our faith. When things are not easy to believe, you give us each other as a reminder that you are still here with us. Thank you for helping us rise up together. Amen.

BLESSING

Make the sign of the cross on each member forehead and say, "We are all connect through Jesus because He loves us."



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