

THE BIG GOD STORY CHALLENGE

JESUS IS ALIVE

4/19/20 ELEMENTARY FAMILY GUIDE

“The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.” >>
PSALM 145:8

FAMILY QUESTIONS	Search it Out
What did Peter and John see when they came to Jesus’ tomb?	John 20:6-7
What did Jesus do when he first appeared to the disciples?	John 20:19-20
What did Jesus say about us— those that have not seen him and yet we believe?	John 20:27-29

Talk About It:

- Was Jesus angry at Thomas for not believing right away? How does Jesus feel when we have questions or doubts? What can we do when we have big questions? (Ask a grown-up, pray, read the Bible...)
- Jesus is Alive and He LOVES it when kids believe in Him even though they haven’t seen him! How does it make you feel to know that Jesus gave us a special blessing?

Family Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for rising from the dead to show that you really are the Savior! Help us to trust you and come to you with all of our questions. We love you Jesus. Amen.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES	Materials Needed
QUESTIONS CHALLENGE. Get out a piece of paper and write down 3 questions you have for God. Spend some time talking about these questions as a family and seeking answers. Spend time quietly listening to Jesus and reading his Word. Parents, if you need help navigating some of these big questions, please email us at kids@purposechurch.com .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Piece of paper & writing utensil
LISTENING CHALLENGE: Find a quiet space and spend some time listening to God. You might want to play a worship song or you might want it to be perfectly quiet. Ask God to speak to you. Maybe you have a big question for Him, maybe you want to ask Him to show you that He loves you, or maybe you just want to be with Him. Spend a few minutes being perfectly still with Jesus. He loves it when His kids take time to listen to Him. Journal or draw about what this experience was like!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Music (Optional) • Journal or paper and art supplies (optional)

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TALK ABOUT IT

1. When Jesus appeared to the disciples, they were amazed! But they were a little confused. How did Jesus show them it was really Him? (His scars from the cross.)

2. Was Jesus mad when Doubting Thomas didn't believe it was really Jesus until he touched Jesus' scars?

3. Even though Jesus isn't walking around earth today, we can still know Him, believe in Him, and talk to Him! How does Jesus talk to us now?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1. **FAMILY PRAYER.** Dear Jesus, Thank you for rising from the dead to show that you really are the Savior! Help us to trust you and come to you with all of our questions. We love you Jesus. Amen

2. **COLORING PAGE:** Print out the coloring page of Jesus showing his scars to Thomas. Ask your child if he/she has any questions about God, and spend some time talking about them. Talk about how God is “slow to anger, and rich in love” (Psalm 145:8) and how it's ok to ask questions!

3. **WORSHIP RESPONSE:** Pray the family prayer together above, and spend some time worshipping Jesus! Worshipping can look different for everyone! Maybe you want to put on some fun worship music and dance together, or get out some art supplies and draw or paint a picture for God! Jesus loves when we show him how much we love him!

