

St Domini Savio Children Liturgy

Apr 19 - Sunday 2020 – Second Sunday of Easter - Cycle A

Welcome children to their worship space.

Say: Today besides being the 2nd Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast Divine Mercy. Sometimes it is so hard to believe in things that we do not see especially during times when we are sad or angry. Today's Gospel tells us that we must believe not only because we have faith but also because there is work for us to do. We also believe that at the Mass, the bread and wine change into the body and blood of Christ just as it happened at the Last Supper. From now until the feast of Pentecost, we will be talking about how the new church began. We will discover that the problems faced by the apostles then are the same problems we face today.

Introduce Gospel reading

Say: Today's Gospel reading comes from the book of the **Apostle John** (John 20:19-29). Do you remember who the Gospel writers are? And how many? <4 – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John> During this season of Easter, we will hear mostly from St. John.

This reading tells us about two times when all of Jesus' friends were gathered together in an upper room with the doors locked. The disciples were frightened of the Romans and of their fellow Jews. Can you imagine how you would feel if you were one of Jesus' friends? <let the children respond a little> They were afraid that they would be arrested and killed too. They still believed in all that Jesus told them, but they didn't know what to do.

Have the reader begin : A reading from the Holy Gospel according to **St. John**.

Encourage kids to respond: "Glory to you Oh Lord" <teaching them to trace a cross on their foreheads, on their lips and on their hearts>

Doubting Thomas

Late in the evening, the disciples sat huddled together feeling sad and afraid. The doors of the room were locked to stop the Jews finding them. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the room with them and said, "Peace be with you." They were amazed when they saw him and could hardly believe their eyes. But Jesus showed them the wounds in his hands and where his side had been pierced by the sword. They were filled with joy and wonder.

Thomas was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them. When they told hi that they had seen Jesus , he said, "Unless I see for myself the wounds in his hands and side, then I will not believe you."

Several days later, when Thomas was with the other disciples, Jesus appeared to them again. He turned to Thomas and said, "See the wounds in my hands and feel the wound in my side and doubt no more." Thomas fell to the ground and said, "My Lord and my God." Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen you now believe, but blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Reader : The gospel of the Lord

Response : **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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Ask: How do you think the Apostles felt? <glad to see him, scared a little because they had watched him die, worried about what it all meant> Do you know anyone who believes in Jesus but has not seen him? <US> Thomas needed proof that Jesus had risen – and Jesus loved him anyway. Thomas received his proof with his hands. We can help each other to find the proof we need to have faith in Jesus.

Closing Prayer :

Lord Jesus help us to remember the words of Thomas, “My Lord and my God.”

And to make them as our own prayer.

Help us to see you in the actions and words of the people we meet, so that day by day, our belief in you will grow stronger.

Lesson learnt today: Learnt about being Jesus for each other.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqxfRBYQUPA>

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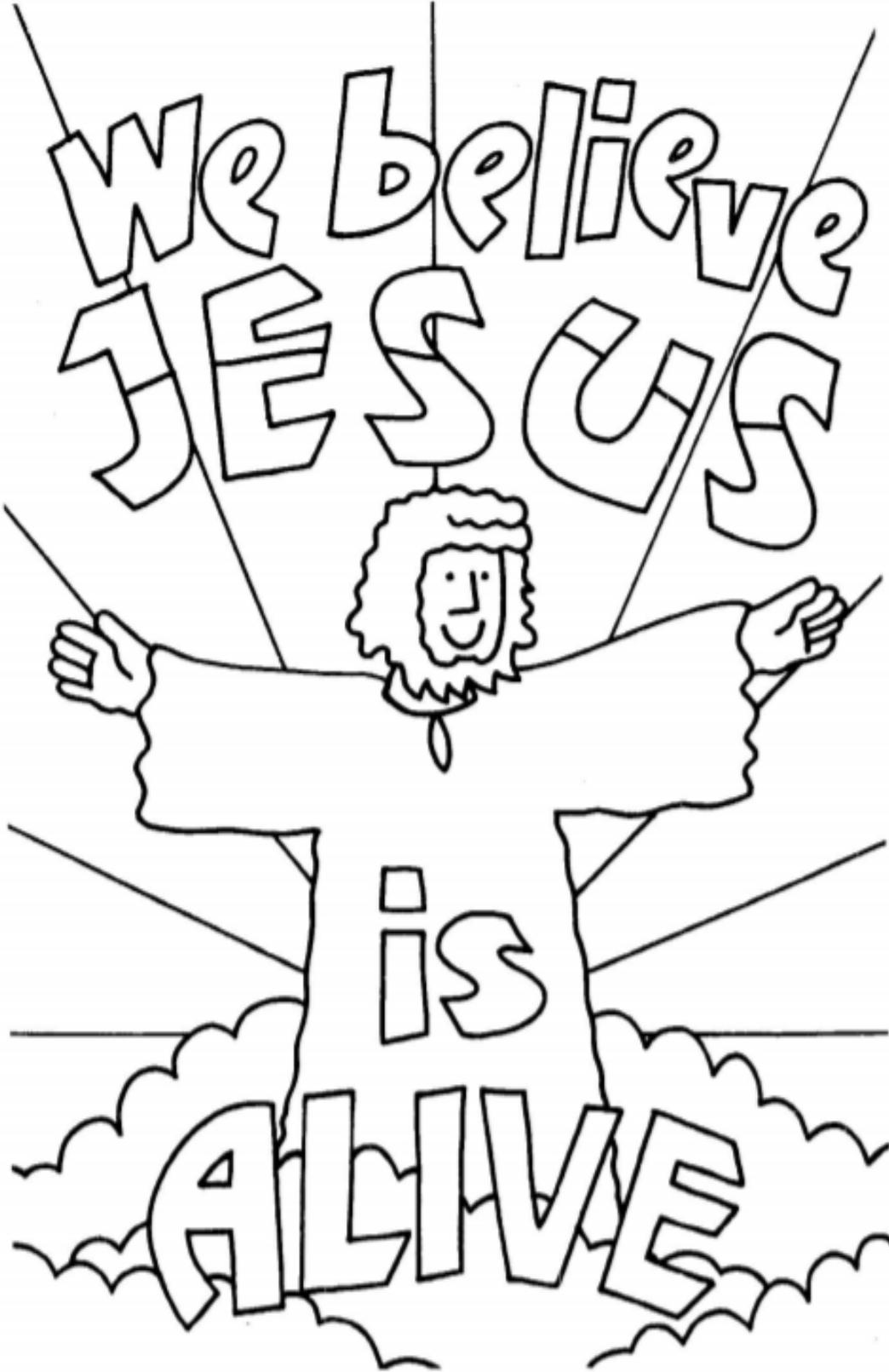
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcqtQVLZIFM> – craft for Doubting Thomas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aEdPsgN2hV0> – What is Divine Mercy Sunday and why is it important?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fQr4rDXUeQ0> – The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

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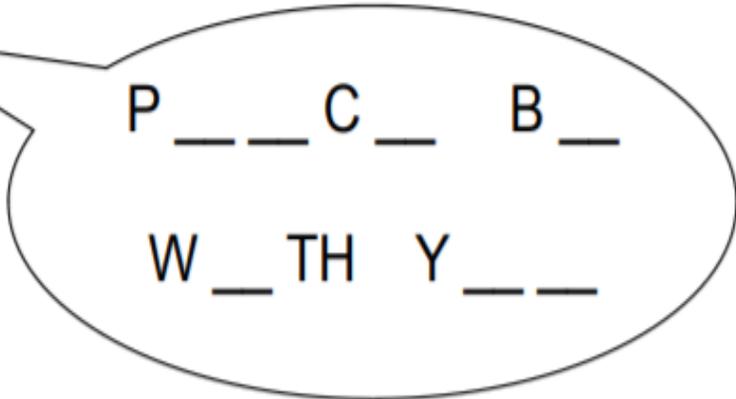
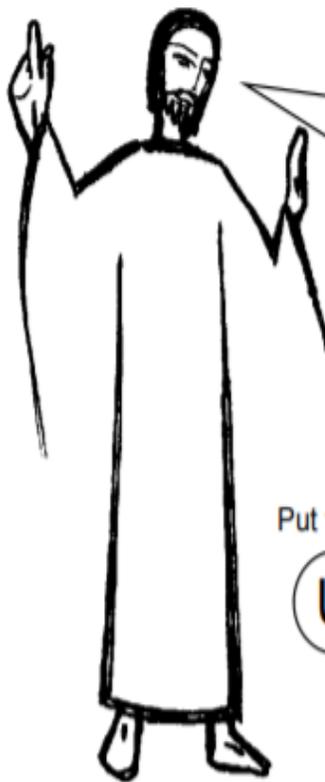


SEEING JESUS AGAIN

The Disciples were locked up behind closed doors.

Then ... Jesus appeared.

THEY WERE SO HAPPY TO SEE HIM AGAIN.



Put these vowels in the right places to find out what Jesus said.



One of the disciples did not believe it was Jesus.

Put the letters in the right place to reveal his name.

