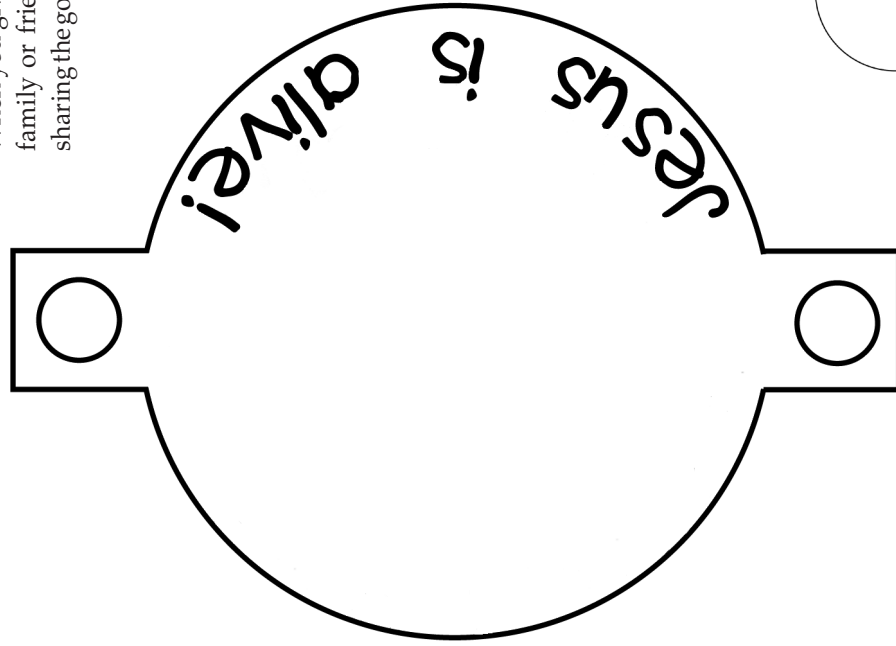


CREATE

No matter what, Jesus' love will always be with us. Like Thomas and the disciples we can share the good news of Easter.

- Make copies of, or trace the pencil decoration. Make more than one.
- Decorate your pencil decorations with markers, pencils, and stickers.
- Cut out the decoration and punch holes where indicated.
- Slide a pencil through the holes.
- When you give these pencils to family or friends, you will be sharing the good news of Easter.



STORY TIME

Thomas Is Amazed

Based on John 20:19-31

After Jesus died, his friends were sad and afraid. They were sad because they thought they would never see Jesus again, and they were worried about what would happen to them. They stayed together, locking all the doors so they would be safe.

Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the room with them. The friends were amazed. Jesus was alive!

Jesus said to the friends, "Peace be with you."

Jesus' friends had so much to say to Jesus. They talked and talked to Jesus. Then Jesus went away.

Thomas was one of Jesus' friends. Thomas wasn't in the room that day and he was still very sad.

"Thomas," the friends said. "We saw Jesus!"

But Thomas said, "I don't believe you. I want to see Jesus. Then I will know that Jesus is still with us."

The next week, all the friends were in the same room again, including Thomas. Suddenly, Jesus was there, too. Everyone was amazed.

Jesus said to Thomas, "Touch my hands. I'm really here." Thomas was amazed. Then Jesus turned to everyone and said, "My love will always be with you."



ACTIVITY

Here is the locked door: Draw a scene from the story of Thomas – you can draw your scene outside the door in the marketplace, or inside the room when Jesus appeared to his friends, the disciples.

