

# Jesus Appears to the Disciples

## Theme

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## Object

Small logs; flashlight

## Scripture

Luke 24:36b-48

Use the wood to make a pretend campfire.

**I remember going on camping trips when I was young. One of my family's favorite activities on those trips was sitting around a campfire at night and telling ghost stories.** (Gather the children around the campfire, turn out the lights, and shine the flashlight on your face.) **And as I listened, I told myself over and over, "There's no such thing as a ghost." But that didn't keep some of those stories from scaring the daylights out of me. I often found it hard to go to sleep later that night.**

**Now, that might seem like a strange way to begin a Bible lesson, but even in Bible times, some people believed in ghosts and were afraid of them. Listen to an example from the Bible.**

**It begins after two men had travelled on a long road, to a town called Emmaus. They talked about Jesus' death and all that had happened. As they walked, they were joined by a man. They didn't realize it at first, but it was Jesus! After Jesus revealed himself to them, they went straight back to Jerusalem and told Jesus' disciples.**

**As they told the disciples they'd seen Jesus, He suddenly appeared among them! He said to them, "Peace be with you." Knowing He'd died, they thought He was a ghost! The Bible says that they were terrified and filled with fear.** (Have kids make their most terrified faces.)

**So Jesus asked them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands. Look at my feet.** (Hold out your hands and feet like Jesus did). **You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do."**

**Still the disciples weren't sure what to think, so Jesus asked them for something to eat. As He ate some fish, they watched. And it showed them He wasn't a ghost because a ghost doesn't need food.**

**The disciples realized Jesus had come back to life, and they spent the next month or so with Him. After Jesus returned back to heaven, those same disciples went all over the world, telling about Jesus' crucifixion, His death, and His resurrection. They never stopped telling about what happened.**

**You and I have been called to tell others about Jesus, just like those disciples. We must be a witness for Jesus, too. We must tell the world that Jesus is alive.**

**God, we serve a risen Savior. He is alive! Help us to be witnesses of what He has done in our lives. In Jesus' name, amen.**

Interactive Group Activities  
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**Sermon Title:** "Is It Jesus, or a Ghost?"

**scripture Reading:** Luke 24:35-48

**JESUS PUZZLE:** The teacher will write the word JESUS in very large balloon letters and cut them out. Decorate each letter differently from the other letters. Cut each letter into three pieces and spread them around a designated area of the class room. The children will hunt for the letters and put them in the right order to spell JESUS.

**FOOTPRINTS TO FOLLOW:** Each child can trace their shoes and cut out 2 footprints. Each team can place their footprints in a long path for the other team to follow and see which team gets to their destination first.

**NO DOUBTING POSTER:** The class can work together to make a poster for today's lesson. One group can paint happy faces on the poster, another group can cut out hand tracings to glue to the poster and a third group can draw and cutout small red hearts to glue onto the cutout hands. A fourth group can paint or color stencil letters for, JESUS IS ALIVE, NO DOUBT! (If class is smaller, each child can do one section).

**CRAFT STICK DISCIPLES:** Children can be given construction paper to make faces and clothes to glue or tape on their craft sticks to make all the disciples and JESUS to then use those to do a skit for today's lesson.

**APPEARING ART:** Provide children with heavy white card stock paper and a white color crayon. Children can trace a picture of JESUS or words from today's lesson. Children can then use water colors of various colors to paint over their paper to have their art work displayed.

**HANDS LOVE CARD:** Children can be given paper to trace their hands on a card, and draw red hearts in the middle. They can form the hands into a card and decorate and write words of God's love to share with someone else.

**JESUS IS ALIVE BOOK MARK:** Construction paper, stickers, and markers can be given to children to be cut to the size of a book mark that is desired. This book mark should be folded length wise. One side can say, JESUS IS ALIVE. and the other side could have letters to say, NO DOUBT!

**SING A SONG:** HE IS LORD; HE LIVES

**SHARE A SNACK:** Cookies with a CROSS decorating the cookies with a gel tube.

**Song: "He Is Lord"**

[Music and Lyrics \(pdf\)](#)

[Piano Accompaniment \(MP3\)](#)

**Song: "He Lives"**

[Music and Lyrics \(pdf\)](#)

[Piano Accompaniment \(MP3\)](#)

### **About Carol Williams**

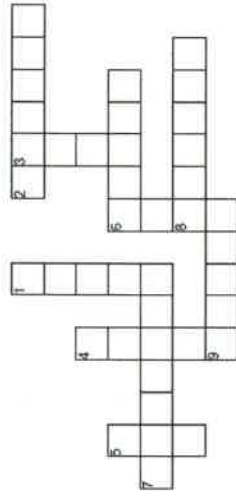
Carol and her husband have served churches in Illinois, Minnesota, Mississippi, Michigan, and Indiana. Carol loves to work with children so you will find her teaching in Junior Church and children's Sunday School. She also has clowning ministry in which she is known as Bubbles the clown.

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# Crossword Puzzle



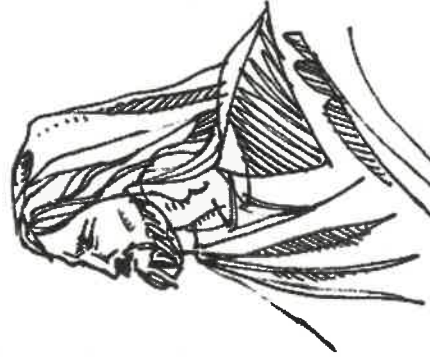
## ACROSS

- To deliver a sermon
- The soft outer parts of the body; skin
- Countries; territories where groups of people live
- To feel pain
- to handle or feel something with your fingers

## DOWN

- What the skeleton is made of
- To return from death
- A dead person appearing in a bodily form
- To take in food through the mouth
- An animal that lives in the water

RISE	NATIONS	FISH	SUFFER	BONES
TOUCH	EAT	FLESH	PREACH	GHOST



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# Children's Worship Bulletin

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# Word Search Puzzle

E Z X V O Z D G I C Z K H X S  
 H Y G L B J E P C Z S G G X T  
 E P H P E A C E B U U K B Y  
 S K O K R G D P I F F K T O U  
 Z K S I P R E A C H F A X N Q  
 Q W T D O U B T S A E W H E E  
 S Q X U U Q R I S E R A A S E  
 Z I F I X H F L B K R G M H M  
 K E S F R F L Y K H A N D S B  
 L F R B E L I U N O J S Q Z C  
 D S Z J K E L Y N A T I O N S  
 M P X G I S T L K Q Y J P F O  
 G U C F F H X Q N V H O V I K  
 H L S H A M M O V H L S X K X  
 Q A D K K V I Q T D N U L R H

BONES	HANDS	PEACE	SUFFER
DEAD	NATIONS	PREACH	FLESH
GHOST	FEET	RISE	DOUBTS

Your Church Name Here  
Anytown, Anywhere

# Coloring Page



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# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 4-15-21-2-20-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7-8-15-19-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-21-6-6-5-18 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2-15-14-5-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 14-1-20-9-15-14-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-12-5-19-8 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6-5-5-20 \_\_\_\_\_
- 18-9-19-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8-1-14-4-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-5-1-4 \_\_\_\_\_

DOUBTS	GHOST	SUFFER	BONES	NATIONS
FLESH	FEET	RISE	HANDS	DEAD





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

**LUKE 24:36**