

Jesus Showed His Hands and Feet so the Disciples Could See! He Was Patient with Thomas and Helped Him Believe.

Concepts Children Learn:

Jesus showed Thomas his hands and feet so he would believe.

These things were written so we would believe.

Jesus will come back the same way he went up!

Supplies:

Bible marked with verses
Printed lesson, Activity pages
Copies of coloring and craft pages
Activity supplies
Clouds Decorations

Pictures and Crafts to Use With Lesson:

Pictures Chart Pages
Rebus Story Pages OR Sticker Story Book/Stickers
Intro and Talk Time
Mother Hen/Chicks Craft

This lesson should be a fun diversion from the usual way the lessons are taught. The prep is also quicker. The lesson is the same for both age groups (Toddler and Preschool). The children will enjoy “helping” you “read” the story. The Talk Time is different for each age group. The Rebus Story Rhymes are also provided again with actions (below the two Talk Times), in case you want to do it that way. **Prep: If all the children in your class already know the Resurrection story, and you want a shorter version, beginning with Jesus’ appearances, use the Children’s Sticker Story Book and Stickers Craft.** Print the Rebus Story or Sticker Book, Intro, Talk Time, activities, craft pages that you’ll be using for the lesson. **Intro:** Tell the children how the lesson works (See below), then go through the Picture Charts to show them what each picture is. (Give kids a chance to guess first). Leave the Picture Charts in view in case you have to refer to them. **Lesson:** Take your time and read slowly rather than rush through it. As you read through the rhymes on each page, stop at each picture as you point to it, to let the kids tell you what it is. If they don’t remember, tell them what it is. Give children encouragement throughout: For example, “You’re doing great!”, “Excellent!”, “Just a little more”, etc.

Key Verse: Verses used in lesson: John 20:31. **Lesson based on verses:** Luke 24:13-53; John 20:19-31; Acts 1:6-12; 1 Corinthians 15:3-5. **Reference verses:** John 3:16; Acts 2:36-39; Acts 4:12.

Lesson Snapshot – Week 1 Lesson, Crafts, Activities (See Crafts and Activities for details)	
Help Me Feel Welcome Warm-up Activity	Let’s Have Snack!
Greet children as they arrive. Show children the Mother Hen craft or Puzzles that will tie in with the lesson. (See Crafts). Give them other choices, as well.	There are four yummy snack ideas provided to give you some options of snack that tie into the lesson.
Intro – You Can Read!	Talk Time: Jesus Wants Us to Believe!
You show the children the Picture Charts so they know what each picture is, and explain how they can you “read” the pictures and help you tell the story. The entire story part of the lesson is in rhyming verse. (Intro and Talk Time is not).	The concepts are personalized: Jesus showed up again just for Thomas. Jesus wants each of us to believe too. (You say each child’s name). Then ‘Lord’ and ‘God’ are explained and related to how we make God our ‘God’ and ‘Lord’.
Let’s Rhyme and Read!	Let’s See How Jesus Will Come Back!
You read through the rhymes, slowing down to let the children tell you what the pictures are in the Rebus Story as you review the Bible stories of Jesus’ arrest, death, burial and resurrection.	Use the Mother Hen/Chicks Craft as a visual aid to show children how the hen gathers her chicks, which is then tied into how Jesus will gather his people when he comes back!
Rhyme and Read: Jesus’ Appearance	Let Me Pray Prayer Time
You continue reciting the rebus rhyme as children “read” the pictures as you review the Bible stories of how Jesus appeared to different disciples.	Children can take turns praying after you or an assistant prays a special prayer asking God to help all of them believe, or your own prayer.
Rhyme and Read: Thomas Believes!	Let’s Make Our Own Craft
Children continue to help you “read” the Rebus Story as you recite the rhymes about how Jesus appeared again when the disciples were together and gave special attention to Thomas to help him believe.	Children get a chance to make their own Doubting Thomas / Ascension Rebus Story Sticker Book, the Mother Hen/Chicks Craft or a Mother Hen/Chicks Puzzle.
Rhyme and Read: Jesus Went Up to Heaven!	Follow the Leader Game!
Complete the Ascension part of the rhyming verse to tell the children how Jesus went back to heaven, and the promise he made before he went.	Children play Follow the Leader. This is related to the concepts of how we can follow Jesus: listening to him and copying him.