

BIBLE STORY: Jesus appeared to the disciples Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What is our mission as believers?

ACTIVITY: SONG AND STORY

What you need: Link to this week's lesson

FAMILY CONNECT QUESTION:

What is the best surprise you've ever received? Kids and parents, share together.

Today's Bible story is about an amazing surprise the disciples received!

ACTIVITY: COLLECT & CONCLUDE

What you need: index cards/slips of paper that have one ingredient you would use to make pizza (or your family's favorite meal).

Before the activity, list pizza ingredients on separate (index cards.

Show one ingredient or read the card. Prompts kids to guess a possible recipe. Then read another card and allow more guesses. Add ingredients one at a time. Challenge kids to guess a final result. (*pizza*)

Say • Great work! You collected the clues to figure out the food. In today's Bible story, Jesus' disciples collected clues about Jesus to figure out what was happening.

> What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. I Corinthians 15:3-4

ACTIVITY: BIBLE STORY RETELL

Jesus sure was busy after He rose from the dead. First, He appeared to the women at the tomb. Then **Jesus appeared to His disciples**. Jesus appeared to many people as proof that God had raised Jesus from the dead.

Can you imagine how frightened the disciples must have been when Jesus appeared to them? They were in a locked room! Once again, Jesus explained to the disciples that Scripture tells about Him. Jesus also told the disciples to go and tell people about Him. Jesus told them to share with people that He had died and was resurrected so people could repent of their sins and be forgiven.

And that's what they did. They went and told other people that Jesus was the Messiah—the Savior God had promised. They said He died on the cross for their sins but He was alive again! They had seen Him themselves! Then they told other people, and those people told others.

If you are a believer, it is your mission to tell others about Jesus too. *What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.*

Isn't it great that a couple thousand years later, people are still telling others about Jesus?

Pray: Lord God, thank You for Your Word. Even though we do not see Jesus face to face today like the disciples did, we believe that Your Word is true and by faith trust that one day we will see Him face to face when we are with You forever. Help us to tell others about Your incredible love for us and what You did for us. Thank you for wanting to be with us always. We love You. Amen."

