

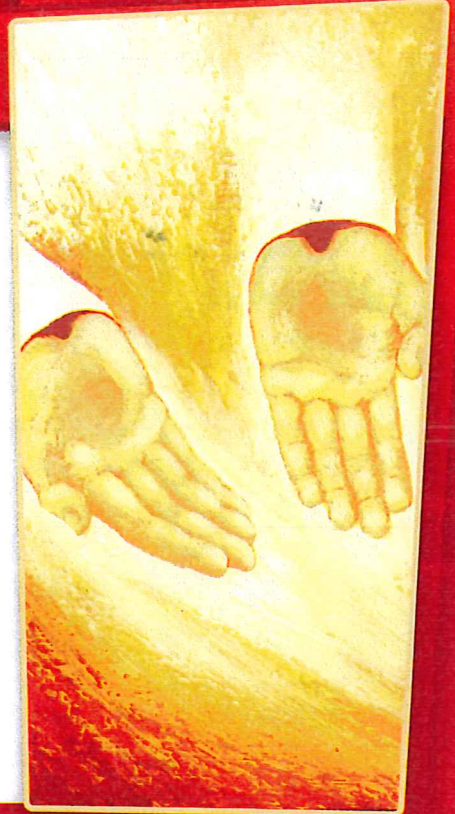
Wednesday
15th April 2020



Good News
for Families

1 Enjoy reading the Gospel

Thomas, who was one of the twelve disciples, was not with the others when the risen Jesus came and stood among them. So when the others told him, "We have seen the Lord," Thomas answered, "Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe." Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors of the house were closed, but Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, who had doubted that Jesus had risen, "Here, touch the marks on my hands and feel the wound in my side. Doubt no longer, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you have seen me. Happy are those who have not seen me and yet believe!"



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 19th April 2020. John 20:19-31 (the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **PEACE**.

2

"Let us pray for peace: peace in the world and in each of our hearts." Pope Francis

What were the first words that the Risen Jesus said to the disciples? The peace that Jesus promises to those who love him is an inner peace which comes from following him and knowing deep within ourselves that God is our Father. Ask your child what the word 'peace' means to them. Ask them when they feel most at peace, or when they feel most safe and not worried about anything. Do they know someone who is a good peacemaker - someone who always helps to ease trouble because they bring God's love with them?

3

True peace (the removal of all anxiety, worry and envy) comes only from God. This peace is not dependent on peaceful conditions: we can experience it even in the midst of trouble or uncertainty. Peace, like love, is a gift to share. How can we bring peace to others in this coming week? Perhaps we can: do what our parents and teachers ask us to do; pray and ask God that we may be filled with peace; remember to smile when we meet people; try to be peacemakers if our friends are arguing.



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for our special time together. Please help us to know your perfect **peace**, and to share that **peace** with those around us. Amen.

Write a promise and then draw a big smile on Smiley

This week I will try my best to...

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