

Today's Reading: John 20:19-23

While church services are online, here are some ideas for what children and young people of different ages can do during the service, to help engage in a different way. We have loved hearing of families sitting down together to tune in to church, so this is something small to help during the sermon slot, just like Sunday Kids groups

3-7 Seeds

Do you have lego, duplo or play mobil? Use whatever toys you have to create the scene in today's Bible reading.

The disciples were LOCKED in a small room together, that's 11 men all sat together.

Think about how scared the disciples were feeling to lock themselves away.

Find another character that can be Jesus, who just APPEARS in the room.

Think about how they felt after the SURPRISE of seeing Jesus, their very good friend, who had come back from the dead!!

7-11 Shoots

Some people argued that Jesus' resurrection wasn't true!! Imagine being in a court room and the following arguments being given. How would you defend Jesus' disciples testimony of his resurrection? Use the Bible to help you...

- the body was stolen, someone must have buried it somewhere else (Matthew 27:62-66)
- He didn't really die, he walked away himself (John 19:34 - this is only medically possible if a person is dead)
- People were delirious and imagined that he rose again

You might find this article interesting <https://decisionmagazine.com/the-resurrection-myth-or-history/>

OR

Come up with some actions to help you remember this memory verse...

Romans 8:34

"It is Christ who died, Christ who has risen, who is now at the right hand of God where He prays for us."

11-14 Rooted

Consider these questions, think of as many reasons as you can and write them in a mind map.

- Why is the resurrection important to Christians
- If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, what would that mean to Christians?

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