

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 1 - Lesson 29
The Lord Appears to the Disciples (John 20)

Theme: Easter-the Lord's Resurrection

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. The great lesson for us to learn from the Easter story is that the Lord did not leave the world at His crucifixion and resurrection, but is always with us according to His promise in the last words of the Gospel of Matthew.

II. Story Circle

A. Introduce the Story

1. Do you remember the Easter story? Some bad people wanted to kill the Lord. But after He was in His tomb for three days, Mary saw that He had risen!
2. Mary Magdalene told the Lord's disciples this wonderful news that the Lord had risen and that He was not dead.
3. Later that day the disciples were hiding in a locked room. They were afraid of the people who had killed the Lord.
 - a. The Lord was not dead though, was He?
 - b. The disciples did not understand that the Lord had risen.

B. Tell/Read the Story

1. John 20: 19-31 (Perhaps choose a few verses to read, and tell the rest.)

C. Ideas to Discuss

1. Who first saw the risen Lord? (Mary Magdalene)
2. Why were the disciples hiding? (They were afraid that the people who crucified the Lord would try to get them)
3. Where were the disciples? (In a locked room)
4. How do you think the disciples felt when the Lord appeared? (Very surprised, then perhaps happy)
5. What did the Lord say to them? ("Peace be with you.")
6. Which disciple was not there when the Lord first came? (Thomas)
7. Did he believe the other disciples? (No)
8. When did he finally believe that the Lord had risen? (When the Lord came again and Thomas touched the Lord's wounds)
9. Then what did Thomas say? ("My Lord and my God")

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D. Further Ideas

1. The Lord appeared to the disciples many times, until they all believed He had truly risen from the sepulcher.
 - a. He told them many times when He was on earth that He would rise, but they didn't understand what He meant. It took them a while to understand and believe.
2. Then He sent them out to the world to tell everyone about Him, and to baptize people in His name.

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. Lori Song: 12 Disciples
2. "Angel So Bright" *First Songs for Little Children*

B. Activities

1. Connect the dots (enclosed). You may want to photocopy this at Kinko's on a pretty colored paper.
2. Puppet of the Lord. He can appear and disappear.

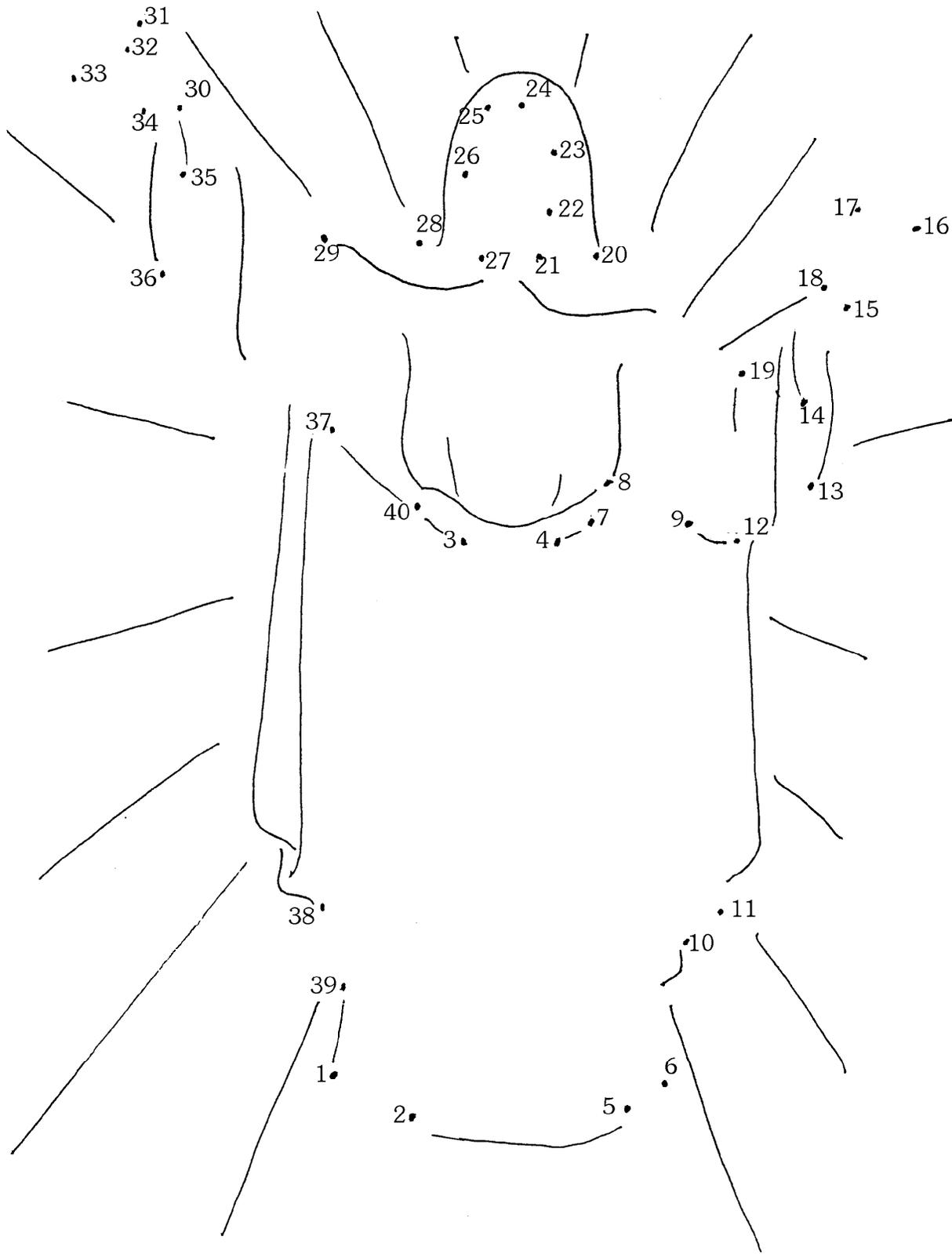
C. Project

1. A picture of the Lord appearing with the disciples
 - a. Children draw 12 disciples, or pre-cut figures.
 - b. Draw a picture of the Lord and cut it out, or decorate a figure that you have pre-cut.
 - c. Use 3M Scotch tape that can stick and unstick easily on the back of the Lord, so He can appear and leave, and appear again.
 - d. Text slips "Peace be with you" (John 20:19) or "Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them 'Peace be with you.'" (John 20:19)

IV. Teaching Aids

- A. Illustration
- B. Felt board
- C. Sample project

V. Further Reading for the Teacher



Connect the dots to see who the disciples saw on Easter.
Then draw a face on this special person.