

TEN SPIRITUAL FAMILY ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO AT HOME

CHOOSE ONE OR A FEW TO SUIT YOUR FAMILY'S NEEDS!

APRIL 19 – IT'S STILL EASTER!

1 - # 4 will help children participate in worship-at-home this week:

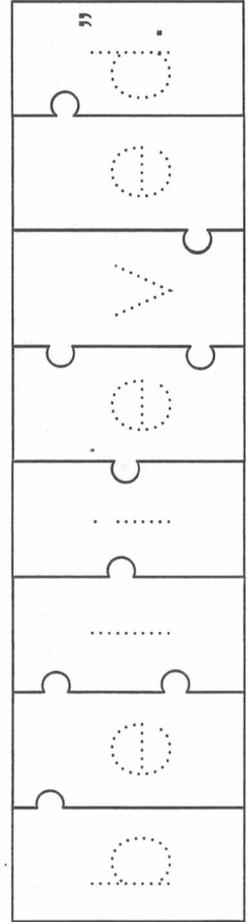
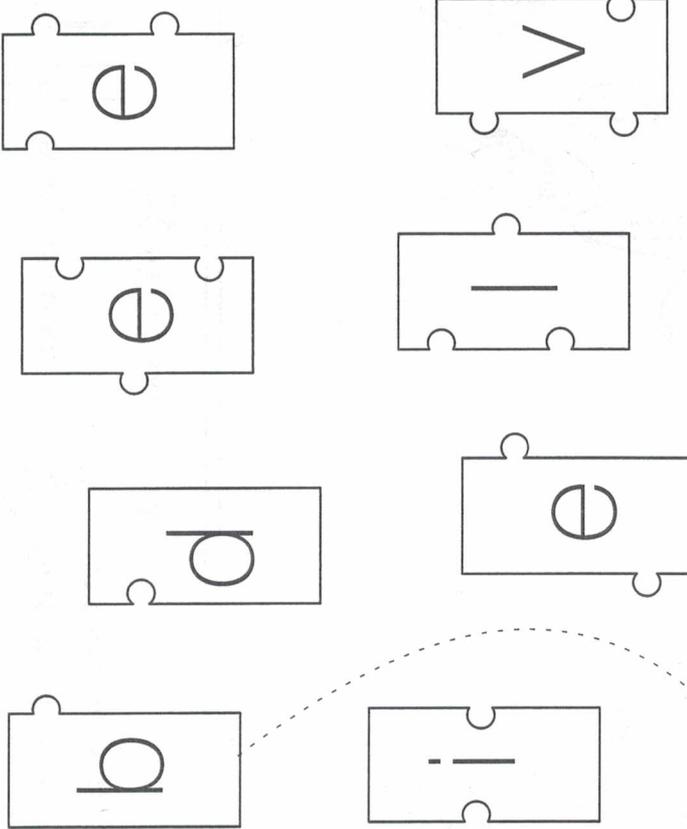
1. Read [weekly scripture](#) together with kids reading as much as possible. Jesus appears to his disciples after his resurrection, and gives special attention to Thomas who missed the first gathering: [John 20:19-31](#). Practice this response again this week: "Christ is Risen: He is Risen Indeed!"
2. View Tracy's **Children's Word** in the worship video. *Stop and talk: what catches your attention, or causes you to stop and wonder?*
3. Print and complete the **children's bulletin** (scroll down) and then choose one of the **craft activities** too. Say the **prayer** together. Look at [artwork from Art Institute of Chicago](#) that picture some of Jesus' visits after he rose from the dead.
 4. Plant SEEDS OF FAITH at the Labyrinth at Peace! Watch Cathy Malloy's [instructions](#). Print out and complete the "fragrant aroma" coloring sheet (scroll down).

#5 - #10 are great activities anytime throughout the week. Check 'em out:

5. Go for a [prayer walk at home](#), around the neighborhood or in a local park.
6. Plan a [Christian family movie](#) time.
7. Start a [Prayer Journal](#).
8. Write and send [notes of appreciation](#) or [friendship](#) to Pastor, a teacher, firefighter, police officer, healthcare worker, friend or family member.
9. Call family members or [people from church](#) (use your online directory on PLC webpage) to find out how they are.
10. Listen to praise music or use [kids worship songs](#) on YouTube and have a dance party!

Now Thomas believed.
 Jesus said, "Blessed are those who
 have not seen and yet have ...

Match the puzzle letters. Write each letter.



Children's Worship Bulletin

Ages 3+

April 19, 2020 • John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

After Jesus rose from the dead,
 His disciples — except for 1 — were
 together in a room with the doors locked.
 Which disciple was not there?

Find and circle Thomas.

A grid of 12 cartoon drawings of the apostles, each with a label: Peter, Andrew, James, Thaddaeus, Philip, Bartholomew, James, son of Alphaeus, John, Simon, Thomas, and Matthew. The drawing of Thomas is circled.

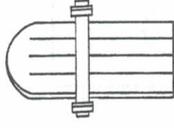
When Thomas returned, the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe."

Circle what is wrong with the picture.



A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Add these things to the picture.



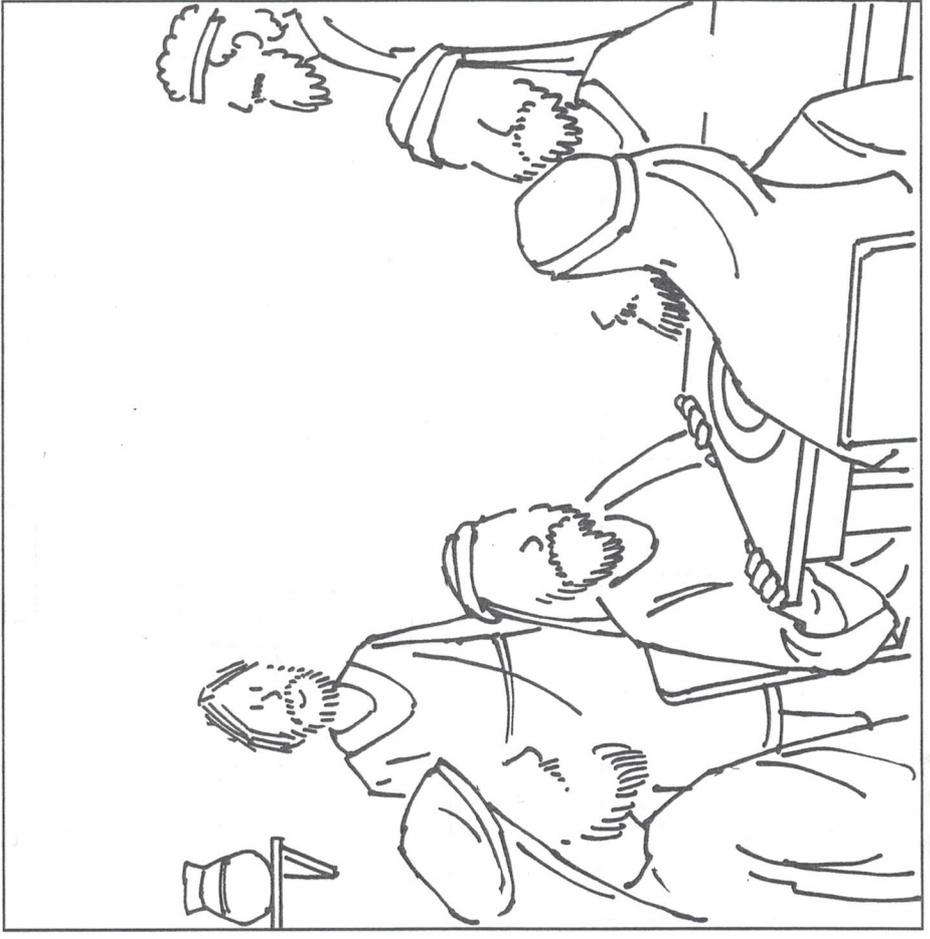
A locked door.



Surprised faces on the apostles.



A cup on the table.



Doubting Thomas Craft Ideas

Craft Ideas for Thomas and the Resurrection

The story of Thomas is an important one to emphasize how as Christians, we put our trust in Jesus despite the fact we cannot see Him physically. It's a significant Scripture passage, but can seem challenging when translating into crafts. Here are a couple of simple items that are geared toward remembering Christ's sacrifice, as well as the importance of faith and prayer.

Bible Verses or Craft Captions to Consider...

Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." -John 20:31

We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. -2 Corinthians 4:18

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. -Hebrews 11:1

I may not see...but I still believe!

Faith is blessed assurance that brings HOPE!

I may not see Jesus, but His presence gives me life!

More Teaching Ideas for Doubting Thomas

- [Children's Message on Doubting Thomas](#)
- [Jesus Lives \(John 20:19-31\) Sunday School Lesson](#)
- [Doubting Thomas Coloring Page](#)



Craft one: “Handy Prayer”

You will need:

- Scissors
- Construction paper (any color)
- Markers or decorating materials
- Glue or tape
- Popsicle sticks (optional)

Procedure:

1. Trace a hand onto paper or cardstock.
2. Add a round “nail scar” in the center, if desired.
3. Cut the hand out of the paper.
4. On each finger, write a person or topic to pray for.
5. If desired, place the praying hand on a stick or string for display.



Craft Two: “Pierced Kaleidoscope”

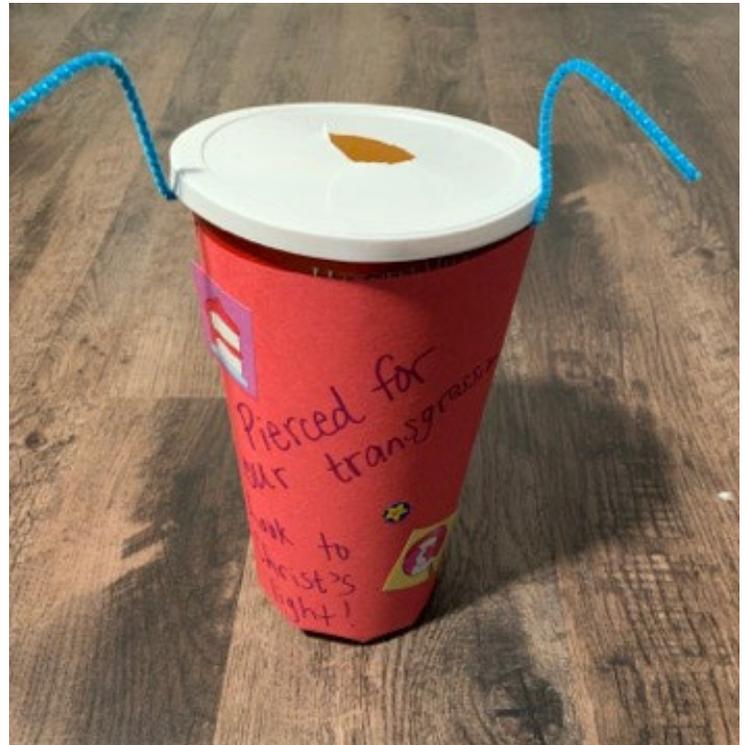
You will need:

- Construction Paper or tissue paper
- Glue, tape, or staples
- Empty container (tissue box, oats container, etc.)
- Scissors
- Small scraps of paper or beads (optional)
- Markers, crayons, or decorative supplies
- Stickers or pipe cleaners (optional)



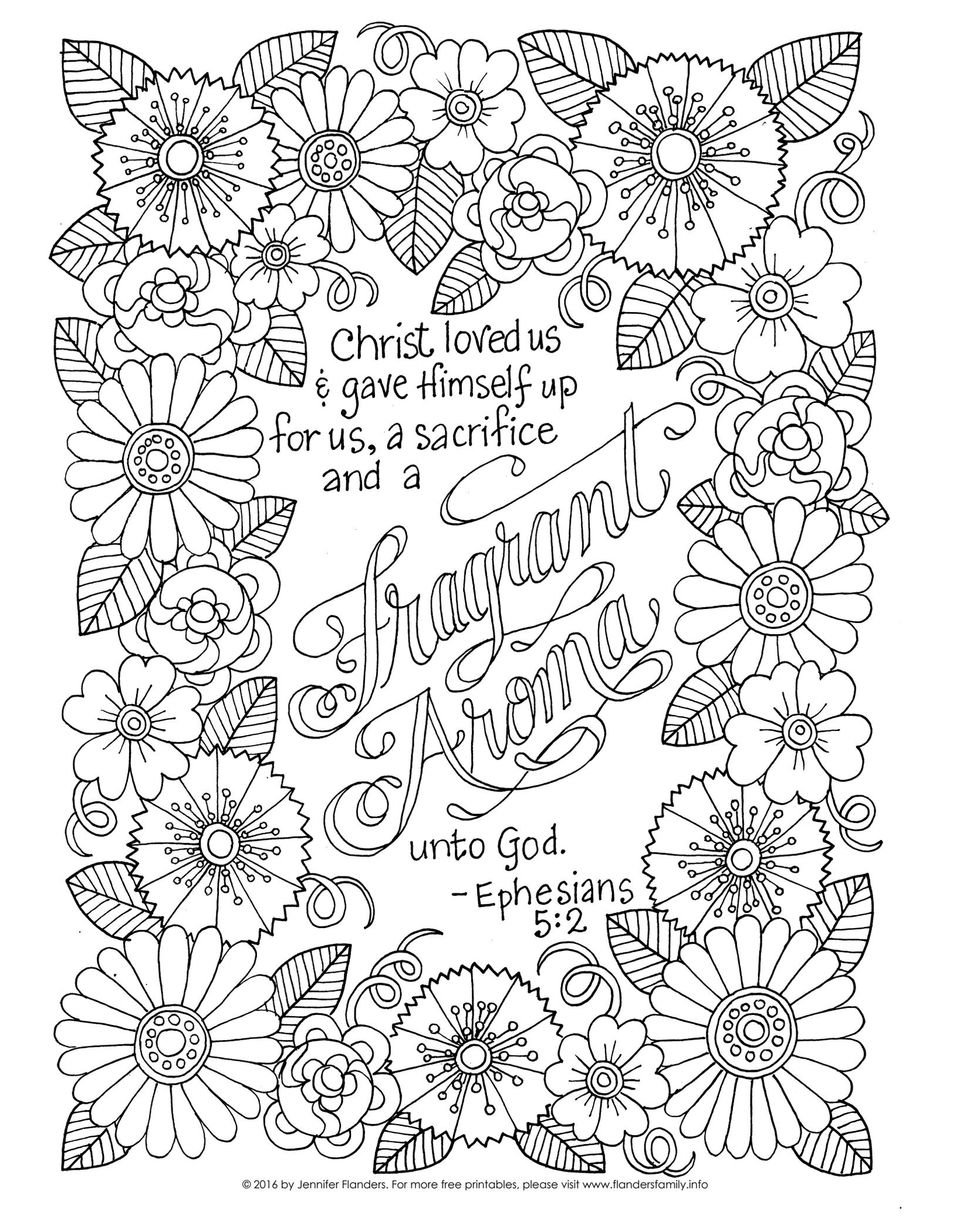
Procedure:

1. On one side of the container, poke holes into a design, using scissors or a sharp pencil. On the other side, cut a hole in the lid to create an eye hole.
2. Decorate your container by covering it with paper, inside and out if desired.
3. Add verse captions, notes, pictures, and stickers, as desired.
4. If desired, add extra flair with papers, beads, or glitter. If using this strategy, cover the eye hole with some plastic.
5. Hold your tool up to the light, peek through the hole, and admire your design!



(Have children repeat each line)

Dear God,
Thank you for Jesus
And thank you for your promises
We believe in you and trust you
Even when we can't see you
Help us not to be afraid
And to remember that you watch over us
Thank you for your love
We love you, God!
In Jesus name,
Amen!



Christ loved us
& gave himself up
for us, a sacrifice
and a

Fragrant
Offering

unto God.

- Ephesians
5:2