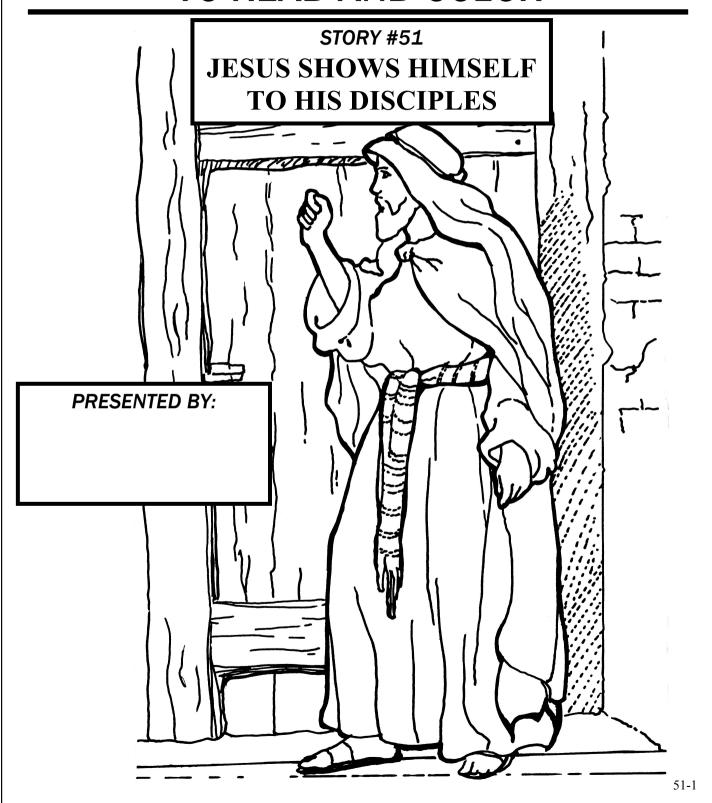
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BIBLE STORIES FOR CHILDREN TO READ AND COLOR





JESUS SHOWS HIMSELF TO HIS DISCIPLES LUKE 24:33-48

After Peter and John left the empty tomb, they hurried to the room where the other disciples were. They had locked the door because they were afraid. They told about Jesus walking with them and eating with them. Then all of a sudden Jesus was standing with them in that room. He had not knocked or come in at the door. He was just there! He must have come in right through the wall because Jesus can do things like that. The disciples were scared, but Jesus said: "Don't be afraid, I am Jesus your friend." He then showed them the holes in His hands and His feet, so that they would know that this really was Jesus who had been nailed to the cross. Now they had proof that He was alive and that they were actually seeing Him. Pretty soon He asked for some food so that they would know that He was alive and not a ghost.

PRAYER

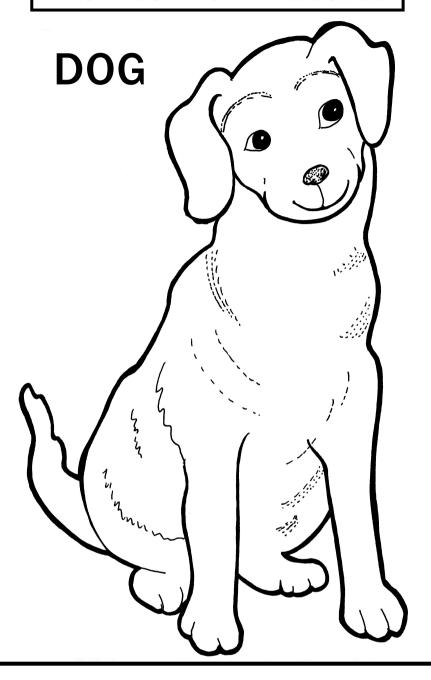
I thank you Jesus for rising from the dead. Thank you for Easter and what it means to us. It means the gates of heaven are open. Amen

Bible passage for older children to memorize:

JOHN 5:28

"For a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear His voice and come out."

ANIMALS FROM THE BIBLE



Have you ever seen a dog return home to its friends after being away? All the dogs bark to each other and sniff each other and are happy to be together again.

When Jesus showed Himself to His disciples, they were very happy to see Him again. They wanted to talk to Him and touch Him and welcome Him back.

I PETER 1:3-7

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade - kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

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