

## Church at Home Pack –

16th January 2022

Join us in church for our 10:30am service on Sunday or watch live at home on

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

If you like, join in with the discussion on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

**In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family or life group than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.**

*Our verse for the year is*

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**John 20: 30-31**

### GATHER TOGETHER

#### ***A prayer to start –***

Lord Jesus,

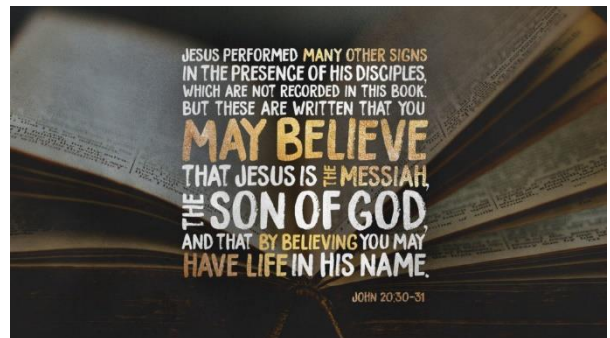
Thank you for those who told others about you.

Thank you for those who wrote about you.

Thank you for your word that tells us it is true.

Thank you that we can have life in your name.

**Amen.**



#### **Action reminder –**

From the top of my head

*(Touch head)*

to the tips of my toes;

*(Touch toes)*

from the lobes of my ears

*(Touch ear lobes)*

to the end of my nose;

*(Touch nose)*

from my back, to my front

*(Turn round)*

to my wiggly fingers,

*(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)*

God loves me!

*(jump up and down)*

## READ TOGETHER

John 20: 24-31



### International Children's Bible (ICB)



<sup>24</sup> Thomas (called Didymus) was not with the followers when Jesus came. Thomas was 1 of the 12. <sup>25</sup> The other followers told Thomas, "We saw the Lord."

But Thomas said, "I will not believe it until I see the nail marks in his hands. And I will not believe until I put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side."

<sup>26</sup> A week later the followers were in the house again. Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you see me. Those who believe without seeing me will be truly happy."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miracles before his followers that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you can have life through his name.

### New International Version (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So 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."

<sup>26</sup> 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!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>[b]</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



### ***A Rhyming Story for younger children:***

The disciples talked in whispers, they were shivering with fright.  
It was a Sunday evening and they'd locked up for the night.  
When from nowhere there was Jesus, saying, 'Peace be with you.'  
But Thomas wasn't with them; he had other things to do.  
Afterwards they told him that Jesus had been there.  
'I don't believe you!' Thomas cried, pretending not to care.  
Exactly one week later when they'd locked the doors once more, Jesus came and stood there — and this time — Thomas saw.  
Jesus said to Thomas, 'Reach out and touch me, do.  
Now you'll believe that I'm alive, because you've seen me too.'

***Talk about how the Bible came to be written. Jesus' friends, who lived with him, told other people everything that had happened to Jesus. Some people wrote it all down. These pieces of writing were all put together to make our Bible, so that we can read it and believe that Jesus is alive.***

Jesus' friends remembered all he did and said,  
Some wrote it down so all could know that he isn't dead.  
We can read it in the Bible, and be confident to say,  
'Our lord and saviour, Jesus, is alive with us today.'

### **WATCH TOGETHER**



***Jesus appears to Thomas*** – Saddleback Kids: [https://youtu.be/A\\_QcGnwilXI](https://youtu.be/A_QcGnwilXI)



***Life to the full*** – Christians in Sport: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGgSp2CS6pA>

### **TALK TOGETHER**

- What did you know about Jesus when you first believed in him?
- What are some of the most helpful things you have learnt about him since that have helped you deepen your faith and experience full life with Jesus?

## STUDY TOGETHER

### **Read John 20:30-31**

- If Jesus performed many other signs which aren't written in this gospel, what does it mean John has done?
- Why has he chosen the ones he included in his gospel?
- It's difficult to know whether John meant for people to come to first believe in Jesus, or to continue believing in him, deepening their faith. From what you know of John's Gospel how might it help people:
  - to come to faith in Jesus?
  - to be encouraged to continue believing in Jesus?
- What does John say belief leads to?
- What do you think it means to have life in Jesus' name?

### **Read John 20:24-29**

- How might you use this account to help someone believe in Jesus and have life in his name?
- How does this passage help you to continue believing in Jesus and experience life in all its fullness?

## PLAY TOGETHER

### **You will need:**

**2 sheets of paper (both the same size)**

**Pens/Pencils**

**Scissors**



### **A Dice**

On the first sheet of paper draw some pictures from John's story of the life of Jesus.

You might like to draw some of the 'I am' statements that we will be looking at in church together:

I am the Bread of Life (John 6: 35)

I am the Light of the World (John 8:12)

I am the Door (John 10: 9)

I am the Good Shepherd (John 10: 11 & 14)

I am the Resurrection and the Life (John 11: 25)

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)

I am the Vine (John 15:5)

Or, you might like to draw some of Jesus' miracles:

Jesus turns water into wine (John 2)

Jesus heals (John 4, 5, 9)

Jesus feeds more than 5000 people (John 6)

Jesus walks on water (John 6)

Jesus brings his friend back to life (John 11)

On the other sheet of paper write the words of John 20: 31

***these are written so that you can believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you can have life through his name.***

Cut this piece of paper into pieces that fit together to make a jigsaw. Lay these pieces over the top of the drawing.

Players take it in turns to roll the dice. If they roll a six, they can remove a piece of the jigsaw. Can they work out what the pictures are of before all the pieces are removed?

Talk about why John wrote his story of Jesus – the clue is in the jigsaw! (so that people would believe!)

## MAKE TOGETHER

### ***Life in his name – Word Art***

Write JESUS in block letters across a piece of paper. Or, you could cut out the letters and stick them to a coloured piece of card or paper.

Now think about all the areas of your life that believing in and following Jesus should make a difference to. Home life; Work life; Family life; Church life; Prayer life; Friend life; School life etc. Fill up the block letters with all these areas of life. Younger children might like to draw pictures instead.



You might like to use your Word Art in the ***Pray Together*** section.

## SING TOGETHER

**John 20:31** – Saddleback Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TbuL9YxbRWI>

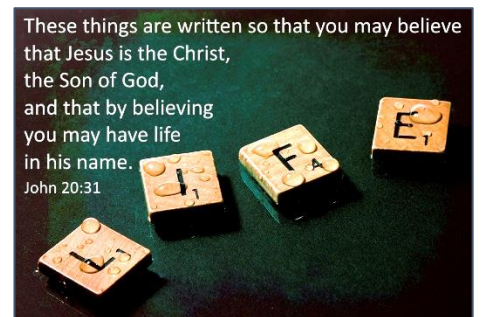
**Life with Jesus** – Hillsong Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUuDUWXkpu4>

**You are life** – Hillsong Worship: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tw8-g7a3T7k>

**These are written** – The Lockwoods: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4WHct55ylcw>

## REFLECT TOGETHER

Listen to the song 'These are written' in Sing Together (above). This song shows how thinking about things that Jesus did and said can help us to see how he is at work in our lives today. As you listen to the song, which stories stand out for you? How do they help to strengthen your faith in Jesus as the Messiah (God's Promised King and Saviour), the Son of God who brings life in all its fullness?



## PRAY TOGETHER

If you made a '**Life in his name - Word Art**' picture, you might like to use it to pray with now. As you look at each area of your life written or drawn inside the name of JESUS ask him to show you how to have, live and show that you have life in his name.

### ***A prayer of thanks***

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your word and for the truth that it contains.

Thank you that my salvation does not depend on what I do but on what Christ did.

Thank you that the truth of the glorious Gospel has been written for our learning and that by believing in Jesus I have been forgiven, accepted and have received eternal life.

**Amen.**

### ***A simple creed to use as a prayer***

I believe in God who made the universe.

I believe that Jesus is God's son who was born as a human baby,  
grew up to be a man,  
died on a cross,

came to life again and appeared to his friends.

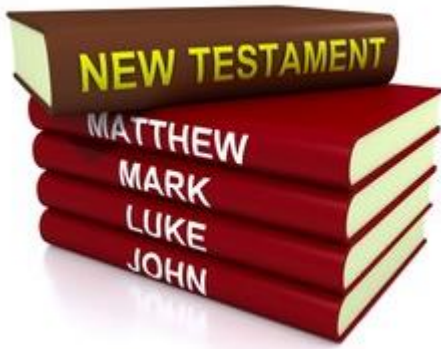
I believe he returned to God.

I believe God gave us the Holy Spirit to help us to follow Jesus.

I believe that one day I will see God.

Because I believe these things, I can have life in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## DO TOGETHER



### ***But these are written...***

The Gospels give us an account of Jesus' Life and Ministry so that we can read for ourselves and believe that Jesus is the Son of God and that we can have 'life in his name'. Choose a Gospel to read. Read it together as a family, in your Life Group or with friends. If you are reading with very young children, choose a story from a children's Bible about Jesus' life to read at bedtimes.

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