

The following is a passage in the Bible, the New Testament, from the Gospel according to John

If you are reading it with your child perhaps you might like to light a candle (if you feel it is safe to do so)

Pause for a few seconds and then read the passage, either for your child or together

John 20:19-23

It was late that Sunday evening, and the disciples were gathered together behind locked doors, because they were afraid of the Jewish authorities. Then Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. After saying this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy at seeing the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

After reading it pause - maybe you and your child might like to repeat a word you remember and if so speak it out loud.

The following are questions you can use, if helpful to reflect

1. What day and time does it say this story was situated?
2. How does it say the disciples are feeling?
3. Why are the disciples in a room where the doors are locked?
4. What words did Jesus speak to the disciples?
5. What do you think Jesus means when he talks about forgiving?
6. Have you a prayer you would like to say?

You might read the passage again

If the child wishes can continue with the activity of writing or drawing him/herself.

Don't forget to extinguish the candle- if applicable!

Imagine you were in that room and write or draw what it might be like being there with the disciples when Jesus came and stood among them.

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A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, intended for a student to write or draw their response to the prompt above. The box occupies most of the page below the instruction.