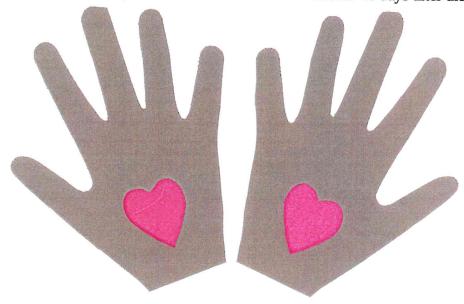
## ABC - Arts and the Bible for Children: <u>Love in Action Series</u> with (Ds. Lisa Lesson #14 - "Easter 2022 - "Ghomas sees the Risen Jesus"

Bible Text: Matthew 20:19-23; 24-31

19. When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20. After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22. When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24. But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!," But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand on His side, I will not believe." 26. A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27. Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it in My side. Do not doubt but believe." 28. Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29. Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30. Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book. 31. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in His name.

Activity: \*I chose two hand prints with red hearts in them to illustrate Jesus showing His disciples His hands when He appeared to them. Of course the injuries to His hands were not heart shaped. I used hearts to illustrate His love for each of us. I included a blank piece of paper so your child/children could express how Jesus showed them His injuries to help them believe. Your child/children may choose a different way to show this. If they have a different idea to illustrate the stories, they should. The disciples had to lay their lives on the line to share their faith after Jesus went back to heaven. It tells us in verse 30 that Jesus "did many other signs in the presence of His disciples" that are not written in the Bible. Acts 1:3 says that Jesus remained with them for 40 days after the resurrection.



Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have come to believe, John 20:29b