

# Family Devotional

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Believe it or not? Read the following statement and vote on if you think they are true or false.

- Rabbits and parrots can see behind themselves without even moving their heads!
- Butterflies taste food by standing on top of it! Their taste receptors are in their feet unlike humans who have most on their tongue.
- Although the Stegosaurus dinosaur was over 9 meters long, its brain was only the size of a walnut.
- Humans get a little taller in space because there is no gravity pulling down on them.
- Because of the unusual shape of their legs, kangaroos and emus struggle to walk backwards.
- A hippopotamus may seem huge but it can still run faster than a man.
- Sneezing with your eyes open is impossible.

Believe it or not these are all true facts!<sup>1</sup> Let's read a story about some men who were having a hard time believing what they saw.

Read: *John 20:19-29*

Reflect: Why was it important for the disciples to see the scars from the nails in Jesus' hands and feet?

The scars showed them that the events of the past few days were not an illusion or lie, but that Christ really had been crucified and raised from the dead. The living man they saw before them was the resurrected Christ!

We may not be able to see the scars in Jesus' hand, but there is evidence of the resurrected Jesus at work all around us. What are some ways you are seeing God at work in your world? Think about the way he has provided for your family, brought healing or joy etc.

Reread John 20:21. The same words Jesus speaks to his disciples then He is speaking to us, His disciples today! God sent Jesus into the world to give us an opportunity to know and be in relationship with Him. It is because of Jesus' death and resurrection that is now possible! Many people in the world do not know about this amazing opportunity. That is why Jesus gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit, so we can be His not-so secret agents, going out into the world and sharing this good news with others!

Remember: Work together as a family to memorize/meditate John 20:29 this week.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,  
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Ideas: Write this passage down and hang it on the refrigerator. Say it together as a family during meal time each day. Write it on a chalk or white board and erase a couple of words each day until you can say it by memory.

Respond: "Dear God, thank you for dying for our sins and raising us to new life with you. Help us to live in the fullness of this life and share this good news with others..... Amen!"