

## SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Jesus leads the way to heaven.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Matthew 28

Mark 16:1-15

Luke 24

John 20

Acts 2

1 Corinthians 15:1-19 & 35-58

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Why didn't Mary recognize Jesus?

Why didn't Peter and John understand what had happened?

What is the strongest evidence for the resurrection?

What is the strongest evidence against the resurrection?

Why is the resurrection so important to those who follow Jesus?

What is the emotional state of the disciples following the crucifixion? What is the emotional state of the disciples in Acts 2? What changed?

What do you learn about what your new body will be like from Jesus' activity following the resurrection?

Why did Jesus want Thomas to feel his hands and feet?

What does Jesus want you to do in response to His resurrection?

### PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for His power over death

Ask God for increased confidence in the resurrection

Thank God for the hope of new life

Ask God for someone to tell the good news to

## FAMILY RESOURCES

**BIG IDEA:** Jesus leads the way to heaven.

### READ JOHN 20:19-20

Why were the disciples afraid?

How did Jesus get there?

What was so special about Jesus' hands and feet?

Why were the disciples happy?

Play hide & seek.

### READ JOHN 20:24-25

How do you tell if something is true or false?

Tell each other a story of something that happened when you weren't together.

Ask each other questions to be sure you understand what really happened.

### READ JOHN 20:26-28

If you were Thomas, how would you have felt and what would you have said and done?

Pick a word.

Whenever anyone hears that word they should drop to their knees.

### READ JOHN 20:29-31

Why should we believe that Jesus is alive?

What special gift from God is given to those who believe?

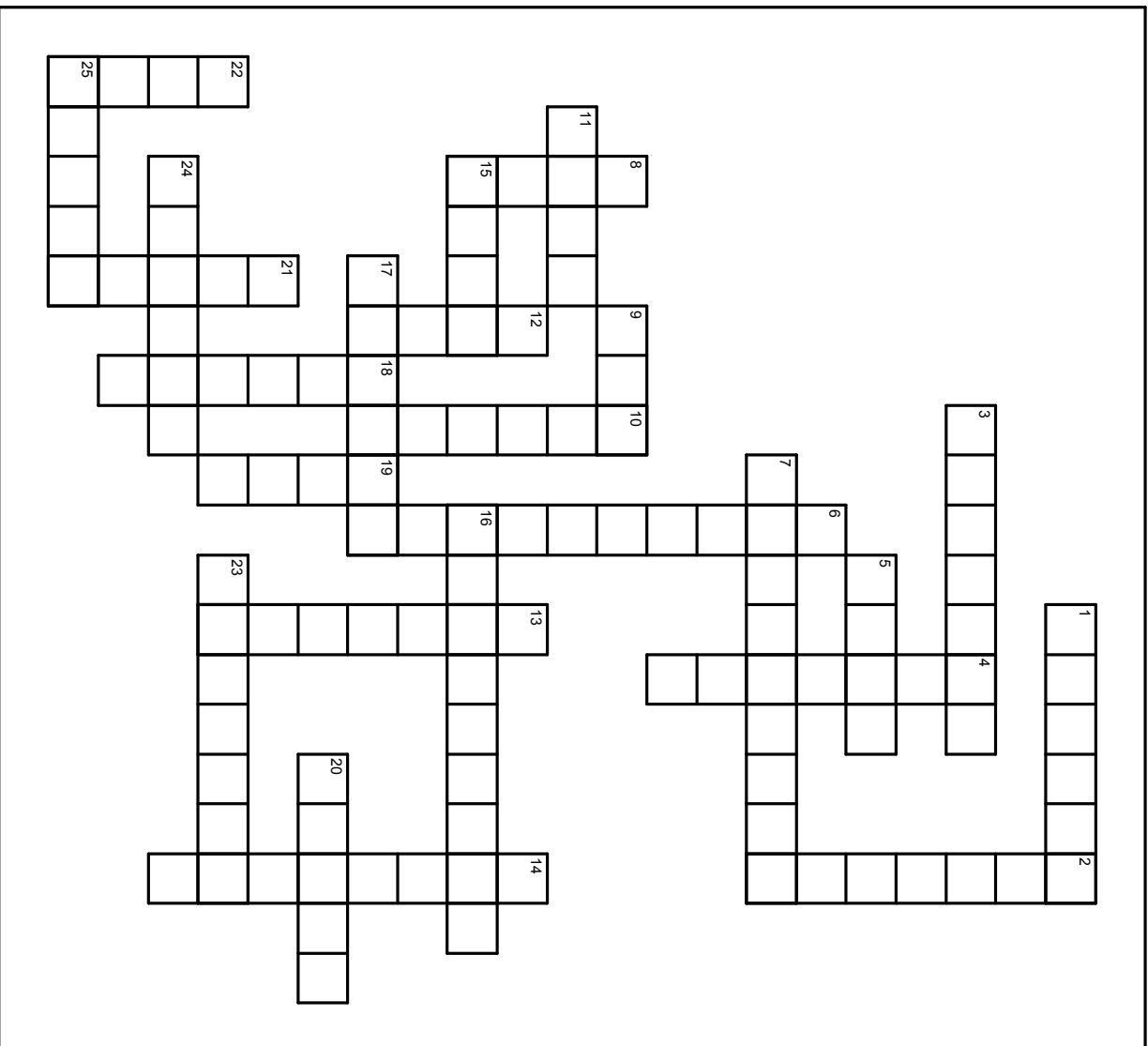
Write a thank you note to Jesus.

Tell Him if you believe in Him and what you are thinking about heaven.

### MEMORY VERSE:

“And \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
that \_\_\_\_\_.”  
\_\_\_\_\_ 14:3

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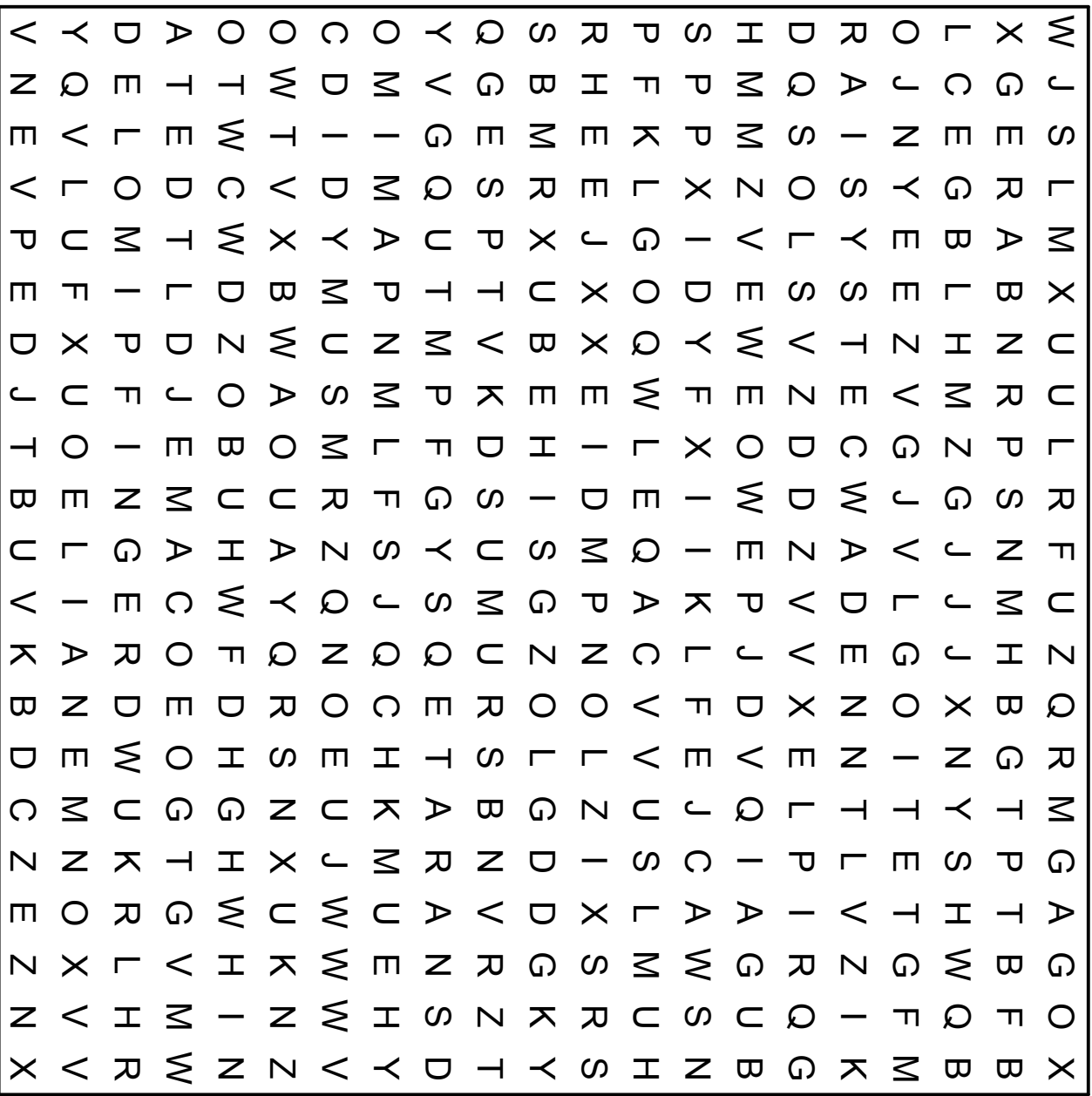
## Across

1. displayed (John 20:20)
3. happy and rewarded (John 20:29)
5. 7 days (John 20:26)
7. followers (John 20:19)
9. place (John 20:27)
11. entered (John 20:19)
15. existence (John 20:31)
16. very, very happy (John 20:20)
17. not until (John 20:25)
20. scars (John 20:25)
23. trust (John 20:31)
24. there are 5 on each hand (John 20:25)
25. entrances (John 20:26)

## Down

2. another name for Thomas (John 20:24)
4. not morning (John 20:19)
6. not "normal" (John 20:30)
8. metal spike (John 20:25)
10. 7+5 (John 20:24)
12. spent time with (John 20:25)
13. accept (John 20:25)
14. written (John 20:30)
18. need a key to open (John 20:19)
19. a place where Jesus was cut (John 20:20)
21. they are at the end of arms (John 20:20)
22. another name for Jesus (John 20:20)

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evening      disciples      locked      came      showed

hands      side      overjoyed      Lord      Didymus

twelve      seen      unless      nail      marks

finger      believe      week      doors      put

blessed      miraculous      recorded      believe      life

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1. WVLEET      -----
2. VNEIENG      -----
3. ESID      -----
4. LSSEEBD      -----
5. KRASM      -----
6. WKEE      -----
7. LEEEVBI      -----
8. SNEE      -----
9. SANHD      -----
10. EELVEIB      -----
11. ROLD      -----
12. NSELSU      -----
13. DMDISYU      -----
14. DJROYVEOE      -----
15. EODCERRD      -----
16. SODRO      -----
17. DOESWH      -----
18. EFGJNI      -----
19. CKOELD      -----
20. AMCE      -----
21. UPT      -----
22. SDSLICPIE      -----
23. NLAI      -----
24. OLAUMRUSCI      -----
25. FELI      -----