

Preschool Story 1

Thomas (John 20.19-31)

Knock Knock!

For this story give each person a small piece of board. Old cup coasters would work for little preschool hands. If you are inside with a wooden floor, just encourage knocking on the floor. Before beginning the actual story, do some practice "Knock knocks" so that everyone gets the idea of knocking together, and then listening for the next bit. Establish this pattern before beginning the content of the story.

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Jesus' following friends are in a room.

The door is locked

Knock knock!

They are all afraid...knock knock...their knees are knocking in fear.

They are all very sad, because their friend Jesus has been killed.

Knock knock... a hammer hit the nails on the big wooden cross, where Jesus died.

Knock knock! Some women went to look in the cave where Jesus had been buried.

Knock Knock!

Who's there?

No one was there!

Knock knock,

Now they are wondering and afraid and sad.

The door is locked and they don't want anyone to come and 'knock knock'

But suddenly!

With no "knock knock!" on the door

And no squeak of the hinges, and no turn of the handle,

Jesus - their very very best friend is there.

Not dead, not buried, not sad, not afraid – but alive.

They talk and laugh. Jesus smiles and tells them good things.

After Jesus leaves again, even though his body isn't there, they don't feel alone. It is like he is still there, close in every breath.

But then...

Knock Knock!

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Knock knock!

"It's me! Thomas!"

The friends let Thomas in – and tell him "Jesus was here! He's alive"

But Thomas can't believe them.

"You say you have all seen and touched him – I would need to see and touch him too!"

A week goes by, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Saturday, Sunday.

Knock knock!

Who's there?

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Who's there?

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Andrew , John, Peter and James are there,

Bartholomew, Thadeus, Phillip, Matthew, and Simon are there

and Thomas is there.

Jesus' following friends are in a room.

The door is shut

And with no Knock knock!

Jesus is in the room again. "Thomas! We are still friends. See and touch my hands and body – see it really is me. I really died and really came alive."

"...and you really are God," says Thomas.

Knock knock!

Knock knock!

Who's there?

Thomas! Spread the good news, Jesus is alive – his goodness is everywhere.

Doors can't keep him out, graves can't hold him down, death can't knock him down.