

The disciples still found it hard to believe that Jesus was alive. It seemed too good to be true! Then, to take all their doubt away, Jesus said to them, "Do you have anything to eat?" The disciples had some broiled fish to give Jesus. He ate it in front of them while they watched. Now they were full of joy because they could see that this really was Jesus, their risen Lord.

Then Jesus helped the disciples understand God's Word better as he explained it to them. "God promised in his Word that the Savior would suffer, die, and rise again, just as I have done," he said. "Now the sins of all people are forgiven. And you, my disciples, will be carrying this good news to all nations."

How happy the disciples were to be with their living Savior again!



As a parent, you can easily think of a time when you had to tell your child something two—maybe even three or four—times before she understood what you were telling her. At times, her lack of understanding has perhaps even caused her unnecessary fear. Such was the case with Jesus' disciples. They had been with Jesus for three years, learning from him daily. Yet the events of Holy Week confused and frightened them. In today's lesson we find them hiding in a locked room.

As Jesus' disciples today, we have a wonderful gift that the disciples of Jesus didn't have in its entirety: God's Word, the Bible. In it we learn of the promises that God made over and over again. We also learn how those promises have been fulfilled. As you study that Word daily with your family, the Holy Spirit uses it to strengthen your faith in Jesus, your risen Savior.

Here are some places in the Bible where we can find wonderful promises about the Savior: Romans 3:23, 24; John 3:16; John 14:19; and 1 John 1:7. Why not read and talk about these promises with your child today?

Prayer

Dear God, your Word has shown to me
What Jesus did to set me free.
I thank you for your Word so true
And for my risen Savior too! Amen.



** John 5:39

These are the Scriptures that testify about me.

* The Third Commandment

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

** Hymn 588:1

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!