

Risen and Real: Resources for Intergenerational Worship

Second Sunday Year B April 8, 2018



What this is: Early Word Story



Where it's used: In any intergenerational gathering, but specifically with Lectionary based gatherings



Time: 3 minutes



Bible focus/theme: John 20



What's needed: Text and illustrations (displayed on screen) for 'Knock knock'.
Download here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/z2o23mbe2am9lpm/Preschool%20Story%201%20Thomas.ppt?dl=0>

A really well prepared, engaging story teller.

A well prepared assistant to lead responses.

Knock Knock

This, like all Bible stories, is an all-age story. Don't call children to the front, away from their families. This is a story to listen to as family, as whole community, so draw all your community in. Use all your best story telling gestures, work the whole space, remember that timing, suspense, pause and dynamics are essential in shaping communication that serves the listener well.

With each repetition of the phrase 'knock knock' have an assistant presenter lead the community in knocking on a surface (wooden pews are ideal for this!)

Warm up with a few practices before launching into the story.

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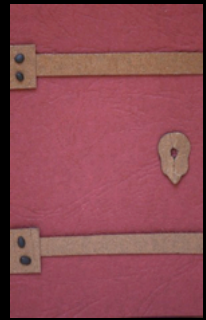
Knock Knock!

Thomas

John 20:19-31



Knock knock!
Who's there?
Knock knock!
Who's there?



Jesus' following friends
are in a room.
The door is locked



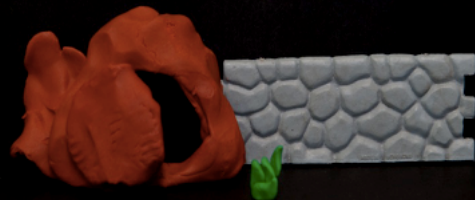
Knock knock!
They are all afraid ...
Knock knock ...
their knees are knocking in fear.
They are all very sad
because their friend
Jesus has been killed.



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!



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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?
Knock knock!
Who's there?
Knock knock!
Who's there?



Andrew, John, Peter and James are there,
Bartholomew, Thaddeus, Phillip, Matthew, and Simon are there
and Thomas is there.
Jesus' following friends are in a room.
The door is shut

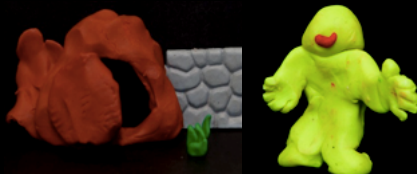


And with no Knock knock!
Jesus is in the room again.
"Thomas! We are still friends.
See and touch my hands and body
– see it really is me"



"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.