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| Week Commencing 24.04.17 |  |
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| Teacher Lead- Mrs Batey | Tuesday |
| Main Point: Jesus appeared so that people would believe in Him.  Key Verse: Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen Me but still have believed." - John 20:29  Props: A piece of shear fabric, apple with a bite taken out  Teacher: Before class, choose a volunteer to look up Hebrews 11:1, and mark the place until you call on him or her. | |
| Prayer  Dear Father, we thank you for sending Jesus, your only Son, to die for our sin. We know that he has risen from the dead and has returned to heaven. Bless us today as we worship him with great joy! Amen.  Comments from children-  To see is to believe- Is it always? Do we always believe what we see? ‘I don’t believe it!’ | Reflection  There is a word for believing in what you have not seen. Call on your volunteer to read Hebrews 11:1 aloud. Ask: What is the word? Faith. Say: The Bible says without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 1:6). So, how do we believe something that we have never seen? We read the words of the people who did see Him. The disciple John wrote: Jesus did many other miraculous signs in front of His disciples. They are not written down in this book. But these (miracles) are written down so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. If you believe this, you will have life because you belong to Him. - John 20:30-31 |
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| Teacher Lead- Miss Jones | Wednesday |
| JESUS APPEARS TO THOMAS John 20 v 24-29   Tell the children you are holding something in your hand that comes from India. Ask them to guess what it might be. When the guesses are exhausted, ask some of the children to come up one by one and see what you are holding. Carefully show the object to each child without showing anyone else. Get them to say what it is and see if the rest of the children believe the answer. You can play along with this for a while pantomime style: Oh yes, it is, Oh no it isn't, etc.  Eventually show everyone the object, and say that unless we see things for ourselves, sometimes it's very hard to believe what we're told.  Ask the children to put their hand up if they are called Tom or Thomas. Explain that 3 July is the day we remember St Thomas. Tell the story of Thomas (John 20.24-29) along these lines.  St Thomas was one of Jesus' friends, who found it very hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. Even when the other disciple said they had seen the risen Jesus, Thomas didn't believe them. Sometimes when people don't believe things today we call them a 'doubting Thomas'.  Continue by saying that soon Thomas met the risen Jesus for himself. When he saw Jesus, he said: 'My Lord and my God.' Thomas was one of the first disciples to recognize Jesus as the Son of God. Even though he started out by doubting, he ended up with a very strong faith. It's said that he travelled hundreds of miles telling people all about Jesus. | |
| Comments from children- Some things are hard to believe- even if we do see them with our own eyes Some things are hard to believe- especially things that we can’t see or touch  Tear 6- This shows why Christians have such strong faith/ belief to believe in something/ someone that they have never met. | Time for reflection  Dear God,  Thank you that you're always there beside us,  even when we're not sure what to believe.  Thank you that it is all right to have doubts and questions - you don't mind.  Help us to trust in you more and more,  and like Thomas to keep growing in faith.  Amen. |
| Class 5 | Thursday |
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| Teacher Lead- | Friday |
| No Assembly |  |
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