

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

My letter for today provides you with the gospel passages for the upcoming April worship services. Included are some passages that you and your family members can read to prepare for the services. Children are encouraged to read the designated story for that Sunday (listed below), prior to attending worship. They are also encouraged to bring their Story Bibles with them to worship, so that they can look at the picture(s) that correspond to the gospel reading and sermon.

The gospel passage for the Second Sunday of Easter, April 11, is John 20:19-31. Children with Story Bibles can read "Thomas Wants to See," which tells about the disciple many of us know as, "Doubting Thomas." It is found on pages 278-279.

The gospel passage for Sunday, April 18, is Luke 24:36b-48. Children with Story Bibles can read "Memory and Surprise." Although this story highlights the verses prior to today's gospel reading (Luke 24:13-35), it will help the children to understand more about Jesus' resurrection appearances. It is found on pages 280-281.

The gospel passage for Sunday, April 25, is John 10:11-18. Children with Story Bibles can read, "The Good Shepherd." The story tells us about Jesus, who is the good shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (vs.11). It is found on pages 328-329.

Copies of the Story Bible, Growing in God's Love (Elizabeth F. Caldwell and Carol A. Wehrheim, editors) were distributed to our Sunday School children last year. If you would like to order a copy for a grandchild, great-grandchild, other relative, young neighbor or friend, please let Nalani know, and she will assist you.

Peace,

Pastor Cathy