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*See what God
gives us.*

Children's Story

Year B, Easter 3

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Text: Luke 24: 36b-49
Theme: Jesus' peace is still with us
and gives us power.

Wondering questions:

- I wonder if Jesus' power ever runs out in people.
- I wonder how Jesus can be everywhere.
- I wonder how I can feel Jesus' power in me.
- I wonder which adult here has a story to tell about Jesus' power working in them.
- I wonder what good works Jesus' loving power wants to help me do.

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Gathering Activity:

Invite and welcome the children to this part of the worship service where we worship in child-like ways. Practice the greeting, "Peace be with you" that you learned last week. Settle into a comfortable position for listening and worshipping. Open your Bible to Luke 24 and show the words, "Peace be with you" in verse 36. Explain that this time it was written down in another story of Jesus. In this story, Jesus teaches his disciples that the good news of God's way is to be shared with everyone everywhere, and that God will clothe them with power to do this sharing. To show what this is like, you will be showing them some items instead of telling them a story, so invite them to sit so that everyone can see.

Object Lesson:

Go through each item and ask what it is used for.

Tell the children that they all have something in common with each other and see if they can figure out what it is. You can help them with these leading questions:

1. Do they each work on their own?
2. What do they need to work?

Have the children sort the items into groups:

1. battery operated
2. electricity operated
3. wind operated

Each one of these items needs some kind of power from outside itself in order to work. Without wind, the kite is just lying here, without electricity, the kettle will never heat the water for hot chocolate, and without batteries, the flashlight will never shine in the dark.

People are another group just like the battery group, electricity group, and wind group. You need some kind of power to work, too. Do you need wind to move? Do your parents have to change your batteries every month? Do you need electricity to speak and work and play? One kind of power we get is from the food we eat. Another kind is from the sleep we get. But we also need the power of love. This is a power that comes from Jesus. Jesus' love and power is everywhere, with everyone. It helps us love others and do the right thing. When Jesus lived on earth, he helped his disciples, he healed many sick people, and he taught people about God's amazing love. Now that Jesus is in heaven, his Spirit helps us by filling us with energy and love so that we can love and help others. That's how we show people that God's peace is still with us.

Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus, that your loving power lasts longer than a battery. We are so glad your loving Spirit is with us and in us. Help us share that powerful love today. Amen.