

Dear Families:

In Sunday School today, we discussed the story of doubting Thomas. 10 of Jesus' disciples were gathered in a locked room on Easter Sunday. Suddenly, Jesus was standing in the middle of the room, wishing them all peace and breathing the Holy Spirit upon them. Thomas, who was out, was told of what happened upon his return. He didn't believe a word- and wouldn't until he saw the wounds on Jesus' body for himself. A week later, Jesus reappeared- and this time, Thomas was present. Jesus had Thomas touch his wounds, and Thomas finally believed it was Him. Jesus then said that those who haven't seen and yet believe will be truly blessed.

The Sunday School has committed to supporting FLY- Focused Learning for Youth, for our 2017 service project. This program, overseen by Jericho Road, seeks to assimilate ESL (English as Second Language) students into American culture, immerse them in English instruction, and provide them with academic support for success in school. Throughout the month of April, we will be collecting money for art supplies. The FLY director specifically requested drawing pencils, mattes for framing, and other supplies for the **middle school** art lessons that they teach. (They are classes for older kids, so no crayons or markers). We will continue to collect bottle slips for the remainder of the year, and the proceeds will go towards the purchase of these supplies.

Youth Sunday will be on June 11, the final Sunday of the school year. We began preparations this morning, since we only have 7 weeks to go! We'd love to have all of our youth participate. Please join us when you can- we are so glad to have you involved!

This week's memory verse is: "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe (John 20.31). Recite it at the beginning of class next week, and you will earn a prize!

So glad you could join us today!

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