

## **Forgiving Sin**

*Make sure the children understand that this story about Jesus comes from the Bible.*

Soon after Jesus had died and had been buried in a tomb, his disciples met. They were very sad about Jesus' death, and they tried to comfort one another. While they were talking, Jesus appeared and stood there among them! The disciples were filled with wonder and with joy. Jesus said. "Peace be with you. My Father has sent me. Now, I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive sinners, then they are forgiven. And remember, I am always with you." Then, Jesus raised his hands and blessed his friends.

Later, with much happiness, Jesus' followers went out and told all people about the goodness of God.

Based on *Matthew 28:16–20*