

IDEAS FOR TODDLERS TO CONTINUE THE LESSON

ACTIVITY | USING OUR SENSES

INSTRUCTIONS: *Find images of eyes, ears, a mouth, a nose, and a hand. Hold up each image as you talk about it. You can have kids point to each body part, too.*

We learn about the world around us using our senses. Our sense are what our eyes, ears, mouth, nose, and hands do!

What do we use our eyes for? Can you name some things you can see?

What do we use our ears for? Can you name some things you can hear?

What do we use our mouth for? Can you name some things can you taste?

What do we use our nose for? Can you name some things you can smell?

What do we use our hands for? Can you name some things can you touch?

The disciples were able to use their eyes, ears, mouth, nose, and hands to know Jesus was there. But Thomas was not there. When Thomas saw Jesus and was able to use his senses to know Jesus was there, he believed! And then Thomas went and told as many people as he could about Jesus! Jesus helped Thomas believe!

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ACTIVITY | SENSORY BINS

INSTRUCTIONS: *Provide two or more plastic bins with sensory materials for the kids to interact with using their senses. For example, one bin might hold colored rice or sand in which scented oil has been added. In another bin, place various bells, rattles, and noise makers. A third bin could hold shaving cream or water beads.*

TODDLER HACK: *Make a sensory walk by lining up mats of different textures: carpet squares, foam mats, soft towels, rough mats. Let toddlers remove their shoes and walk on the path as you describe the textures they are experiencing with their feet.*

ACTIVITY | EYE SPY BOTTLES

INSTRUCTIONS: *Make Eye Spy Bottles by filling empty water bottles with uncooked rice and various small items. Instruct kids to shake up the bottles to try to find the items. (Optional: Freezer zipper bags can be used instead of the bottles. Be sure to tape them closed to prevent messes.)*

TODDLER HACK: *In addition to or instead of the above activity, play "Peek-a-Boo" with your toddlers. They love discovering that you are there when they thought you were gone. It displays the sense of today's story in a toddler way!*

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