

"A Scary Story"  
[John 20:19-31](#)  
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Do any of you have a scar? A scar is a mark that is left on your skin when you've had an injury. I have a scar, but I can't show you because it is on my belly! Sometimes folks have a scar that you can see.

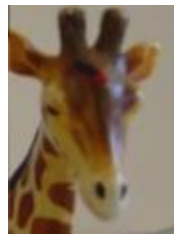
Uncle Floyd has a little itty bitty scar right here on his forehead, see? He got that when he fell off the ladder last Reformation Sunday when he was washing the big picture of Martin Luther.



"I reckon that little scar will remind me to be careful on ladders."  
Elizabeth has a scar too! One day she and her friends were . .



"Wait! Wait! Like, wait! Let me tell!" said Running Chairs. "You know that time when like Uncle Floyd was you know, painting the door or something here at church, and we were all out on the like playground and like we were playing hide and seek and Uncle Floyd said we were running in and out of the you know, church too much and like then I needed a drink of water, and then you know I needed to use the toilet and then like Uncle Floyd got mad and shouted at me and said I was not to you know come in again and like then Elizabeth got hit by the swing, like it banged her on the head, but I didn't do it on purpose but she was on the ground and there was like blood all on her, you know head and Barabas said to go get Uncle Floyd and I said I was not supposed to go into the you know church again but Barabas made me go and Elizabeth went to the hospital in the ambulance and I thought she might you know, like die or something but I didn't do the swing thing on purpose it was an accident!"



"Here is my scar." said Elizabeth.



And then there is that big scar on the side of Barabas's face. When he was a little baby, he got that scar from a car accident. That is when his mother died. That scar is very noticeable on the side of his face. Barabas feels ugly with that scar. He forgets that his best friends love him so much, they don't even see the scar anymore.

Jesus had scars too. When he was crucified on the cross, they put nails through his hands and feet to hold his body up there on the cross until he died. Those nail holes left big scars.

This cross is called a crucifix, because the artist shows the dying body of Christ on the cross. You can see how the nails are shown.

So when artists show Christ as the risen Christ, the Christ who came alive on that first Easter after dying on the cross, the artists show a scar on his hands and feet. See?



In today's lesson the disciples told Thomas they saw Jesus, alive. And Thomas asked if they were SURE it was Jesus. So, a few days later when Jesus came again and Thomas was there, do you know what Thomas looked for? He looked for the scars in Jesus hands. When he saw the scars, he KNEW it really was Jesus.

Sometimes on Sunday morning we sing "Give Thanks" and use sign language. Do you remember what the sign is for the name of Jesus? It is pointing to the palms of our hands, as if we were seeing the scar of the nail from when Jesus was crucified.

Lots of people have scars and there are a lot of scary stories.

The scars of Jesus are a part of God's story for our Salvation. That story was written so that we may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. THE END