

# The Hidden Roses

Key Words: **Trust**

Key Verse: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." *John 20:21*

Kaitlyn, Denise, and Janelle were best friends. They sat together at school and they spent many weekends together at one another's homes. They got along well, but sometimes Kaitlyn just would not take Denise and Janelle's word that something had happened. They had to prove it to her.

One weekend, while she was away a favorite video store caught fire and was destroyed. Denise and Janelle both called Kaitlyn to tell her, but she did not believe them until she saw it. She always had to apologize to her friends.

Kaitlyn had the flu one weekend and had to stay in bed. They had all planned to go on a nature walk. Kaitlyn told the girls to go on without her. They agreed to go, but only if Kaitlyn promised to join them another weekend when she was well. Denise and Janelle spent the afternoon hiking and looking for "sparkly" rocks and unusual wildflowers. They brought along a notebook and tried to describe what they found and where it was to show Kaitlyn later. The girls found several large rocks with quartz and fool's gold. They saw little blue flowers and white wildflowers that smelled wonderful. Then they saw something strange — a pink baby rose bush was growing out of a rock. The girls picked one tiny rose and pressed it

into the notebook telling how to find it again.

On their way home, the girls stopped by Kaitlyn's house and asked her mom to give her the notebook. Kaitlyn called to thank them for the notebook. She said, "Thank you for buying the rose, too!"

Both girls explained that they really had found it growing out of a rock. Once again Kaitlyn said she would only believe it after she saw it. Janelle and Denise's feelings were hurt. They were her best friends, and they told her she hurt their feelings when she did not trust them.

Kaitlyn's mom took her to the park and she saw the roses growing out of the rock. She began to cry, she knew she would never doubt her friends again. She went back home and called them right away to apologize. Her faith in her friends grew stronger after that.

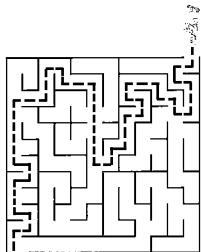
## Questions

**Why were Janelle's and Denise's feelings hurt when Kaitlyn didn't believe them?**

**Why did Thomas doubt that Jesus had returned?**

# Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story  
is from  
**John 20:19-31**



Maze

Blessed are those who  
have not seen and yet  
have come to believe.

Cryptogram  
**Answers**

Make Words  
Some of the over 100 possible words:

HIRE	SIVE
HIVES	SILVER
LIVE	SILVER
LIVER	SILVER
PT	SPLIT
PLOT	SPY
PRICE	TEE
PRICES	TIER
RICE	TREE
TREE	TRES
TRES	TRES
SEE	VICE
SEEP	VICES

### Make Words

Using the letters in the phrase below, see how many words you can make from this phrase from our Gospel story today: You may use each letter only as many times as it appears in the phrase.

“Receive The Holy Spirit.”

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### Cryptogram

Solve the puzzle (a verse from today’s Gospel story) by figuring out the code and placing the corresponding letter in the space above that number. Two letters have been done for you.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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 O B I V  
 7 13 10 25 1 21 25 18 25

### Maze

Today’s Gospel story teaches us about how difficult faith can be sometimes. Help Peter take Thomas to Jesus so he can see Jesus’ wounds for himself.

