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the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them: "Peace be to you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." And when he had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

1. What do you do when your friends show you a new shirt or video game? Do you just look at it? What might you do?
2. What does Jesus show his disciples when he comes to them the first time? Do you think they

just looked at him? What might they have done?
3. How do they react after they have investigated his hands and side? Why do they react that way?
4. What do we sing after we take

communion? What is the true light we have seen, and tasted, at communion?
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6. What do we sing after we take communion? What is the true light we have seen, and tasted, at communion?
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8. Do you think we need to touch or taste things in order to see them? Why or why not?

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6. Why do you think we do physical things, like cross ourselves, get sprinkled with holy water, or take communion, as part of our faith?
7. Do you think this helps us believe? Why or why not?