

DOUBTING THOMAS

John 20:19-29

WATCH THE VIDEO STORY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7s3GR2J1MQk>



Main Objective:

It can sometimes be difficult to understand and explain how we know that God's word is true. Kids and adults all wrestle with doubts. This message uses the story of Thomas to remind children that if we believe in Jesus we are called blessed. We cannot always know things beyond a shadow of a doubt, but through faith and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we trust the reality of the Bible.

On the evening of the first Sunday after Jesus had been crucified, his disciples



were together in a locked room. They were afraid that those who had crucified Jesus would also want to put them to death. Suddenly, Jesus appeared there in the locked room with the disciples. It was hard to believe, but they saw him and Jesus showed them his wounds in his hands and his side, so they knew it was him.

One of the disciples, whose name was Thomas, was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them. When they told Thomas that they had seen Jesus, he did not believe them. He had seen him crucified and buried; how could he be alive? Thomas said, "Unless I see the

wound in his side and put my finger in the holes where the nails were in his hands, I will not believe it!"

A week later, the disciples were in the locked room again and this time Thomas



was with them. Again, Jesus came and stood among the disciples. Jesus, said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."



Thomas fell on his knees and answered Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

You and I have never seen Jesus with our own eyes. The question is, will you be a doubter, or will you be one of those who Jesus said were blessed because they believe, even though they have not seen?



Draw Thomas when he believed and stopped doubting he was with Jesus.

Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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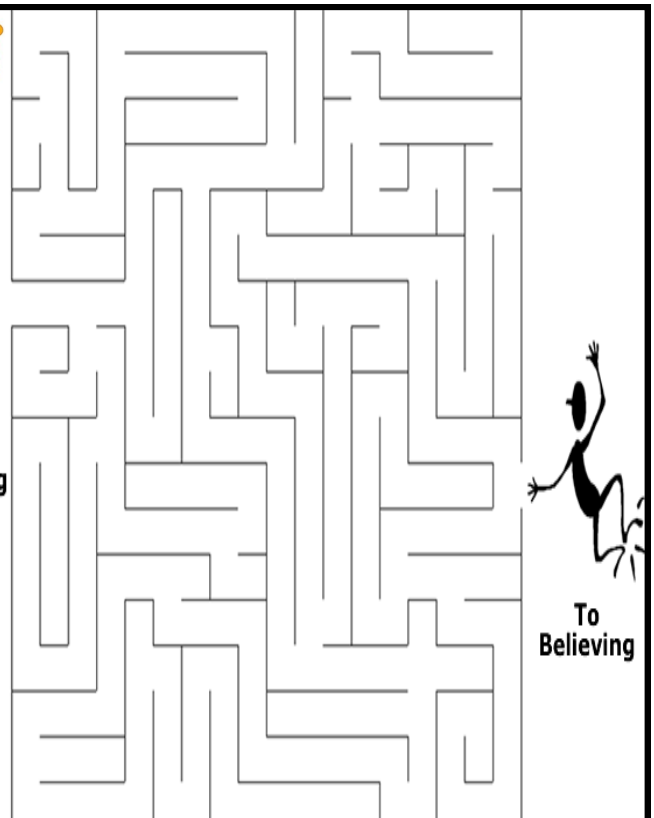
What to remember about this bible story:

- Thomas was one of the 12 disciples of Jesus.
- Thomas had a famous nickname.
- Jesus didn't get mad at Thomas for doubting.
- Jesus loves it when kids believe in him even though they've never seen him.



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To
 Believing



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Thomas

John 20:19-29



Do you believe
because you see
me?

How happy are
those who
believe
without seeing
me



Talk about:

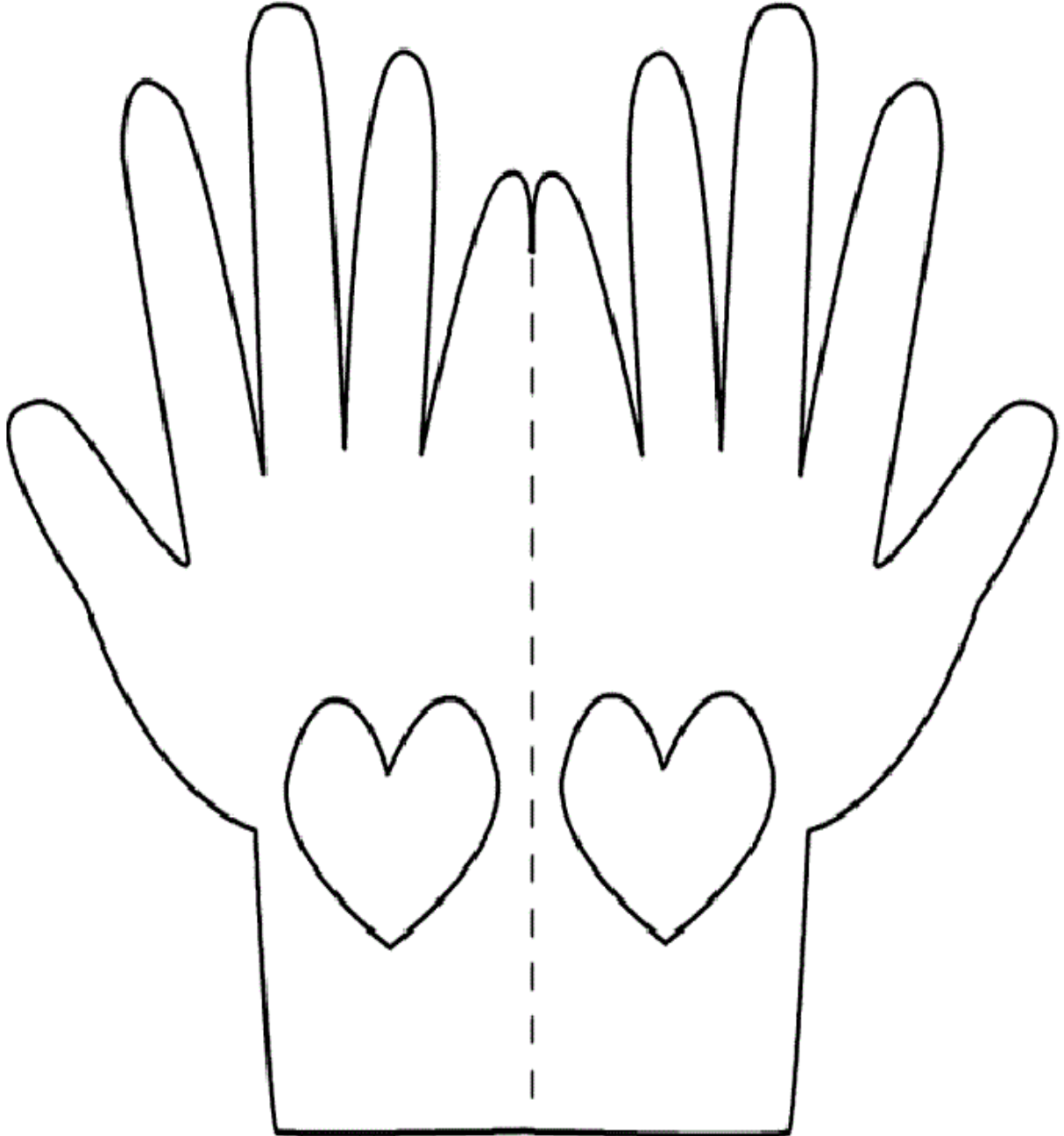
- What's your favorite part of the video?
- What's one thing you learned from it?
- Make a list of strange things people say they've seen but can't prove. (UFO's, unicorns, fairies)
- Why were the 12 disciples important to Jesus?
- What is your nickname? How did you get it?
- If you were around in Jesus' day, what would you do if you heard that Jesus had risen from the dead?
- Why do you think Jesus doesn't get mad at us for our doubts? What does he want us to do with them?
- Read [Psalm 9:10](#). :
 - Those who know you, LORD, will trust you; you do not abandon anyone who comes to you.
- Why is God worthy of our trust? What does this verse say God will never do?
- How will you use this lesson in your life this week?



Draw and colour your own cartoon version of today's bible story of Doubting Thomas



BELIEVE



Memory Verse [John 20:29](#) :

Then Jesus told him,
"You believe because you have seen me.
Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."



Dear God,
Thank you for saving us
Thank you for your love
Help us to believe
Even in what we cannot see.
Thank you for Jesus!
In His name, amen