



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus  
Unit 4, Lesson 20

## Appearing to Thomas

Lesson Aim: To understand Jesus saves us from our doubts.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is the most unbelievable thing you have ever seen?

**GAME:** Can You Believe It?

### THE WORSHIP JESUS AS SAVIOR

Read Worship Scripture: Hebrews 11:1.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

### THE WORD JESUS APPEARS TO THOMAS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth.

**Today, we will discover how Jesus helped Thomas believe He had risen from the dead. This happened in a house in Jerusalem.** Point to Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 20:24-31. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 20:29. Pray. Read.

### THE WAY JESUS HELPS US BELIEVE

**What did Thomas need to do to believe Jesus had risen from the dead?** (To see and touch His wounds.) **What did Jesus say when He appeared?** ("Peace be with you.") **What did Jesus tell Thomas to do?** (To touch His wounded hand and side, stop doubting, and believe.)

**Jesus knows when you have doubts. Do you think Jesus is angry when you have doubts? Have you ever asked Jesus to give you an answer or some proof about God or His plan? Do you have the answer? If so, how long did you wait for it? Even if the answers and proof never come, God can still give you the faith needed to believe.**

**One of the ways Jesus gives us the proof we need is through reading about the miracles in the Bible. Another way is through hearing the truth from others who believe. If you have doubts**

**about Jesus, talk with a trusted believer about it. If you are not having doubts, be ready to help others hear the truth about Jesus.** Read Romans 10:13-14. **Have you ever told someone about Jesus?**

**Only the Holy Spirit can cause us to believe. But we can help those in doubt by telling them the truth about Jesus. Be a good listener; remind them to be patient because Jesus will one day give them what they need to believe. Pray together, asking for God's help.**

**What did Jesus say about those who believe without seeing?** (They are blessed.) **Why did John report about miracles?** (So we might believe in Jesus and have life forever with Him.) **Jesus knew many would read about His miracles and might sometimes have trouble believing. He knows it is harder to believe by faith, than to believe by seeing it. What is hard to believe about Jesus for you or someone you know?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**Over 900 years before Jesus helped Thomas, King Solomon wrote about three wise choices that help during our times of doubt. He wrote this advice in a proverb, which is a wise saying.** Reveal Proverbs 3:5-6. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

**What were the three wise choices in Solomon's advice?**

- 1. "Trust in the Lord" – Know He is good and all-powerful.**
- 2. "Lean not on your own understanding" – Do not rely on only what you understand.**
- 3. "In all your ways acknowledge Him." – Give God thanks and credit in all you say and do.**

**How might each of these choices help you during times of doubt?**

If time allows, play the LITANY OF FAITH game in the GOT TIME? segment.

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: "I Believe in Miracles" Journal
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #20
- OFFERING OF ART: Thomas touching the wounds on Jesus' hands
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### GOT TIME?

**SNACK:** The Surprise Is...

**GAME:** Litany of Faith

**CRAFT:** Faith Journal

### **THE APOSTLES' CREED STUDY**

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** The Wave, Walking on the Word

### **BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**