



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 20

Appearing to Thomas

Lesson Aim: To see Jesus did miracles so we might believe in Him.

THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Believe the miracles!"

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS SAVIOR

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to Jesus as our Savior. Who knows what the word Savior means? (Someone who rescues us from danger.) We call Jesus our Savior. He helps us see and believe His miracles. He helps us believe in Him. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse, "Believe the miracles!" Let's say it together. Review the Whisper Verse. Include sign language.

Let's ask God to bless our offering and use it to help many people believe in Jesus' miracles. Sing: "The Lord Is Faithful" while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

After Jesus helped a man named Thomas believe in Him, Thomas called Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus helps us believe the miracles. He helps us believe in Him and call Him "Lord." What happens to everyone who calls on the name of the Lord? (They will be saved.) Sing: "Everyone Who Calls."

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

Thomas knew Jesus had died, so it was very hard for him to believe Jesus was alive. To believe that miracle, Thomas said he would actually need to touch Jesus and see Him with his own eyes. Jesus loved Thomas and so He gave him what he needed to believe the miracle. Thomas must have been so excited to see the miracle was true—Jesus was truly alive and with him! Sing: "He Is Mighty to Save" and "I Will Remember."

THE WORD JESUS HELPED THOMAS BELIEVE CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned how Jesus healed the blind man. Today, we will see how Jesus helped Thomas believe. Let's open our Bible to today's story in the book of John. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to John 20:27.

WATCH THE WORD: JOHN 20:24-31

Read poem. Display visual.

- Thomas was a follower who saw the Lord Jesus die.
- One day, others told him, "We've seen the Lord!" they cried!
- "Unless I see Him," Thomas said, "I will not believe."
- Thomas told the others, "I, myself, must see."

- Later they were in the house; all the doors were locked.
- Jesus came into the room, and everyone was shocked.
- "Peace be with you," Jesus said. "Thomas, come and see."
- "Come and touch my hands and side. Stop doubting and believe."

- He touched the parts on Jesus that were hurt upon the cross.
- Then Thomas said, "My Lord and my God!"

Was Jesus unhappy with Thomas for doubting or not believing? (No.) What did Jesus say and do to help Thomas believe? (He told Thomas to come and see for himself.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read John 20:27 from the teacher's Bible.

The Bible tells us the miracles of Jesus so we will believe in Him. Let's say our Whisper Verse together: "Believe the miracles!" Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY WE CAN TRUST GOD TO KEEP HIS PROMISES

CRAFT: "I Believe!" Door Hanger

GAMES: Touch and See, How Do You Know?

SNACK: Surprise in the Middle

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: John 20:24-31

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Stop the Music, Everyone Who Calls
STORY TIME