



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 20

Appearing to Thomas

Lesson Aim: To show Jesus helps those with doubts to believe.

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 really risen from the dead. This happened in a house in Jerusalem with some disciples who had already seen Jesus. Point to Jerusalem. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 20:24-29. Pray. Read.

THE WAY JESUS HELPS US BELIEVE

Why did Thomas doubt the other disciples had seen Jesus alive? (He had not seen Him.) **What did Thomas need to see and do to believe Jesus had risen from the dead and was alive?** (To see and touch the nail marks in Jesus' hands and feet and the wound in His side.)

When Jesus visited the disciples again, Thomas was with them. What was so amazing about the way Jesus came into the house? (He entered the room even though the doors were locked.) **What did Jesus say to the disciples when He appeared?** ("Peace be with you.")

What did Jesus do to help Thomas believe? (He appeared and let Thomas touch the holes in His hands and side.) **Did Thomas believe then?** (Yes.) **What did Thomas say?** (He said, "My Lord and my God!")

Because He is God, Jesus knows everything. He knew Thomas had doubts. Was Jesus angry with Thomas for having doubts? (No.) Jesus knows when you have doubts, too. He will not be angry with you for your doubts; He will be happy to help you, just as He helped Thomas.

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus with his own eyes. Jesus helped Thomas believe by fact. Jesus showed He was alive by appearing and talking to Thomas and giving him the chance to touch Him. Is it wrong to need to see or touch to believe? (No.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 900 years before Jesus helped Thomas with his doubts, King Solomon wrote about three wise choices that help us during our times of doubt. He wrote this advice in a proverb, which is a wise saying. Listen for three choices as we read Solomon's proverb. Reveal Proverbs 3:5-6. 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.

Jesus promises to help us believe in all the amazing things He has done. All we have to do is ask! He will not be angry if you doubt. He just wants to help you believe. When you are not sure about some of the things we read about in the Bible, what are some things you can do to help you believe?

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
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

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

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