



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 4, Lesson 20

Appearing to Thomas

Lesson Aim: To show Jesus helps
the doubters 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 20:24-31. 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 the nail marks in Jesus' hands and feet and the wound in His side from the spear.) **What did Jesus say when He appeared?** ("Peace be with you.")

Jesus knows when you have doubts. Do you think Jesus is angry with you if you question or doubt His miracles?

How long did Thomas wait for Jesus to give him the proof he needed? (1 week.) **Have you ever asked Jesus to give you an answer or some proof about God or His plan? Do you have the answer or proof yet? If so, how long did you wait for it?**

Is it wrong to need to see or touch to believe? (No.) **When you have doubts about who God is or what He has done, what can you do?**

(Pray and ask Jesus for help to believe, or talk to a trusted adult such as a parent, pastor, or ministry leader.)

Sometimes Jesus takes our doubts away by giving us answers and proof. Even if the answers and proof do not come, God can still give you the faith needed to believe.

What did Jesus say about those who believe without seeing? (They are blessed.) **Why did John report details about so many miracles?** (So that we might believe in Jesus and have life forever with Him.) **Jesus knew that He would soon be returning to heaven. He knew many people, including us, would read about His miracles, and might sometimes have trouble believing they really happened. He knows it is harder to believe by faith than to believe by seeing it.**

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. 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.**

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

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW