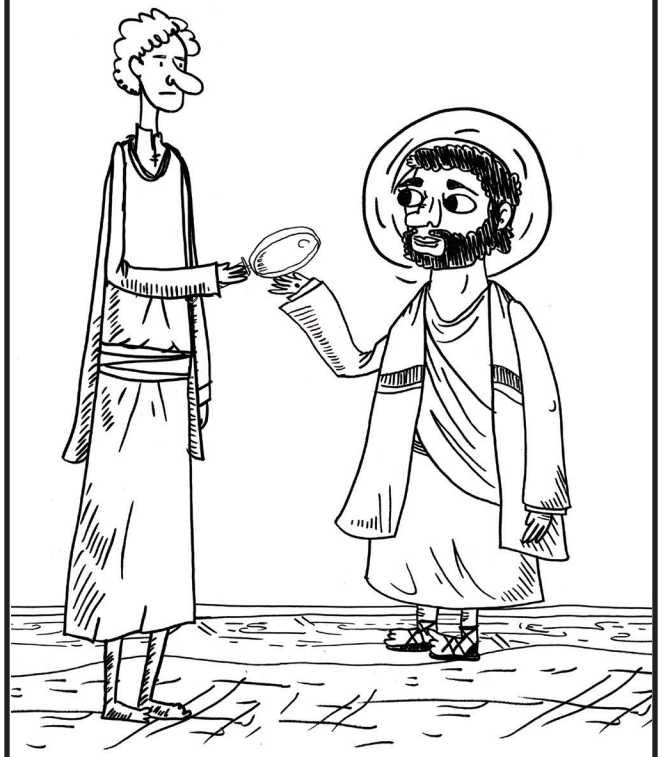
Thomas Believes

John 20:19–29



All of the disciples except Thomas were locked in a room together when, suddenly, the risen Jesus appeared. The disciples rejoiced! When the disciples told Thomas the good news—Jesus is alive!—Thomas didn't believe them. Jesus appeared again and showed Thomas the wounds in his hands and side—and Thomas believed!

Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?

Thomas wasn't there when Jesus appeared to the disciples. He wouldn't believe that Jesus had come back until he saw for himself.

Jesus had a physical, resurrected body but miraculously appeared in a locked room. He invited the disciples to inspect and touch his wounds.

The **disciples** hid from authorities after Jesus' crucifixion.

About the Video

The disciples had locked themselves away to stay safe from the authorities. Thomas went out, and then, suddenly, Jesus appeared in the locked room. He proved his resurrection to the disciples and then disappeared. Thomas didn't believe until he saw Jesus for himself.

- Why do you think Thomas didn't believe the disciples?
- What's something you've heard that seemed unbelievable?
- What things do you know exist even though you can't see them?

Try This!

Tell Thomas's story in a haiku, a 3-line poem. Line 1 is five syllables. Line 2 is seven syllables. And line 3 is five syllables.

Prayer

Jesus:

When we believe what we cannot see,
Greater Christians we will be.
Help us know you are with us now,
Even if we don't quite know how.

Amen!

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