

## This Week's Lesson

### Blessed to Believe

#### John 20:19-31

Has anyone ever told you about something they saw happen and you told them you had to see it to believe it. Well in today's Bible story we hear about one of Jesus disciples not believing without seeing.

Remember, last week we learned how Jesus rose from the dead and some women and two of his disciples witnessed the empty tomb?

This week we are reading about how Jesus showed up at a gathering of the disciples. They were really glad to see Him because they thought He was dead, but here He was standing in the same room with them. He said to them "peace be with you" and they knew it was really their friend Jesus.

However, one of the disciples, who's name was Thomas, was not there that day. When the other disciples told him what had happened he didn't believe them. He told them he would have to see it for himself, that he would need to put his finger in the holes of Jesus hands where the nails were and his hand in the side where Jesus was stabbed with a sword. Only then would he believe Jesus was truly alive.

Days later Jesus came to the disciples again and this time Thomas was there. He did what he said he would do and then believed it was really Jesus. Jesus then told Thomas "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." That includes people like us. We haven't seen God or Jesus in the flesh but through our faith we believe.

John and others have written in the Bible about this event and other things they themselves witnessed in order for us to know these happenings were true. Each one of us who believes without seeing are truly blessed.

#### **Prayer**

*Thank you God for sending your Son to die for our sins. And for those who have written down the things they witnessed so we can know of your endless love and the gift of everlasting life.*

*Amen*



# This Week's Lesson Craft

## Doubting Thomas

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#### Materials:

Construction paper &/or cardstock (any colors and red)

Bible verse template (optional)

Scissors

Glue

Marker (optional)

Pencil

#### Directions:

Trace your hands on your choice of colored construction paper or cardstock with pencil and cut out.

Cut a strip size 8" x 3" of your choice colored construction paper or cardstock.

Print out the Bible passage template and glue it on the construction paper/cardstock strip, or write the Bible passage on the strip with marker.

Glue your hands shapes to the back of the strip.

Draw and cut out 2 heart shapes on red construction paper.

Glue the hearts in the middle of each hand.

Bend the craft in half so it can stand.

Place it somewhere in your home as a reminder that you are blessed because you believe even though you have never seen.

Bible Passage Template

*"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."*

*John 20:29*

