

Family activities 11th April 2021

This week we continue the Easter story, with Jesus appearing to his disciples and the story of Thomas, who wasn't with them but saw Jesus a week later. Share the story together using one of these videos or read it in your Bible (it's in John 20 starting at verse 19) or a Bible story book. Enjoy the other activities - don't feel you have to do them all! If you'd like a structure, scroll to the bottom of the document.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_QcGnwilXI Saddleback Kids retell the story of Thomas recognising Jesus.



[Jesus Appears to Thomas](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_QcGnwilXI)

This animated bible story for kids is based on John 20:24-31.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8SbuEwgg6E> And of course there's a simple Lego version!



[Doubting Thomas Lego Style](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f8SbuEwgg6E)

John 20:19-29 created by the Webber Family If you share this video with someone - please donate \$10 to your local foodbank. Produced by First Parish Congregational Church, 116 Main Street, Yarmouth, ME. www.firstparishyarmouth.org facebook.com/firstparish

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<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2014/04/doubting-thomas-recognising-jesus-games.html>

Creative Flame has a bunch of games to help explore how we recognise Jesus.

[Flame: Creative Children's Ministry: Doubting Thomas: Recognising Jesus Games and Prayer Activity](http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2014/04/doubting-thomas-recognising-jesus-games.html)

This Sunday the lectionary covers the story of Thomas being invited to touch the wounds of the risen Jesus and recognise him. A lot of the time when we cover this story with children we focus of the idea of faith and being able to believe even though we don't see.

flamecreativekids.blogspot.com

<https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/april-2018/easy-activity-make-a-question-jar>

Make a questions Jar. Fill it with questions that you and your family have about Jesus. Take one out every day and talk about it (you don't have to come up with an answer - the talking is important). How could you find out more?

[Easy Activity: Make a Question Jar | PJ Library](https://pjlibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/april-2018/easy-activity-make-a-question-jar)

SUPPLIES. Glass jar with lid Construction paper Tape Scissors (and grown-up help)
Blank paper and pen Dry-erase marker. DIRECTIONS. Draw and then cut a question mark out of the construction paper and tape it to the side of the jar.

pjlibrary.org

https://www.rootsontheweb.com/media/15477/roots-sampler_april17_web.pdf

This sample from Roots on the Web is all about Jesus and Thomas! There's lots of advertising, but pages 4-7 and 10-13 have plenty of prayers, activities, ways to tell the story and more!

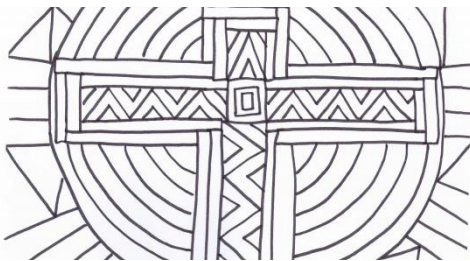
<https://ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/10/doubting-thomas-activity.pdf> This is a 'Spot the Difference' sheet.

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<https://docs.google.com/file/d/OB0RweH-3RyI0eU5qV253b290Qnc/edit> Colour this cross together while you talk about Thomas - I wonder why he wasn't with the other disciples? I wonder how he felt when he saw Jesus? I wonder if he had other questions he wanted to ask Jesus?.



[reflective colouring cross.pdf](https://docs.google.com/file/d/OB0RweH-3RyI0eU5qV253b290Qnc/edit)

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If you would like a more structured session, try this:

- Share the story of Jesus appearing to his disciples using one of the videos or from a Bible story book.
- Colour the cross while you talk about the story - I wonder why Thomas wasn't with the other disciples? I wonder how he felt when he saw Jesus? I wonder if he had other questions he wanted to ask Jesus?
- Make a Question Jar. It's OK to have questions about God and Jesus. During the week, take a question out each evening and chat about it. There may not be an answer (!) and that's OK.
- Share a prayer similar to this one, 'Lord Jesus, thank you that you are with us, even if we don't understand how. Help us to look for you in the things that happen each day. Amen'. Say the Lord's Prayer together.
- When we have doubts or questions it can feel confusing. Jesus said to his disciples, 'Peace be with you'. Draw a cross on the palm of each other's hands and say 'Peace be with you' - a way of remembering that Jesus is always with us.

I hope you have a good week as the restrictions of lockdown begin to lift! Next week our story will be about Breakfast on the Beach!