



SPARK

Week 23 - Thomas Sees Jesus!

After this time together your child will be able to do/know (one or all depending on their age):

- Jesus appears to his disciples while they are all together, except Thomas.
- Thomas said he would not believe unless he got to see Jesus for himself.
- Thomas saw & believed! Thomas is the first one recorded in the Scripture to call Jesus "My Lord and My God!"

Week of April 5 Focus:

John 20:19-29

"My Lord and my God!" John 20:28

Adult Pre-work (15 min)

- Watch Lesson 23 preparation video at saint-max.org/spark
- Read: John 20:19-29
- Watch: [Jesus Appears to Thomas](#)



Opening Prayer

+ Risen Lord, please help us as we listen to this story about Thomas. Help us to believe in you even when we can't see you in person. Please pray for _____.
+ Amen

PRAY

SHARE

Family Connection

Share with your child a time when you doubted something (or you were afraid about something). Maybe it was something you didn't believe about the animal kingdom (like snails really do have 10,000 teeth!)

Doubt (Or is it fear/grief?) and believing are part of lessons of this Scripture story. Doubt/fear can creep into every believer's heart at some time in their faith journey. One way to look at the story: Thomas was honest about his doubt, his fears and then Thomas believed. But that is not the end of the story. Tradition has it that he traveled to India spreading the Good News. Thomas was a man of action.

How do you/we combat the doubt/fear and turn your/our mind(s) toward believing in God's goodness? I would suggest it is doing what we have been doing these last 23 lessons: Learning about God's goodness, his steadfast love and endless mercy for us. We hide these truths in our heart so that when doubt creeps in we can turn our attention to what we know is Truth.



LEARN



Read the Bible Story

This story of the Risen Jesus can be found in (pp. 87-88 in Picture Bible Stories & p. 148 in Great Adventure Storybook)

- I wonder why Thomas wasn't with the others who were locked in a room the first time Jesus appeared to them? *(Maybe he was the brave one to leave the room to get food??? We don't know.)*
- What do you think Jesus looked like with his new risen body? *(We don't really know but when Jesus was transfigured on the mountain he was dazzling and glorious in his appearance.)*
- I wonder why Thomas couldn't believe his friends? I wonder why Thomas needed to see Jesus in order to believe that Jesus was truly alive? *(Maybe he was so sad about losing Jesus and that his heart was hurting. He didn't want to be hurt again if what the others saw wasn't true.)*
- I wonder why Jesus came back again so Thomas could see him? *(Jesus loves each of us and comes to us in many ways to reassure us. He especially comes each week in the Eucharist. Jesus wants to be with us always and in many ways: Eucharist, scripture, Church tradition & teachings, prayer, etc.)*

Wondering Questions: I wonder what this Bible story is about? I wonder what God is teaching us through this story? *(Jesus is reassuring his disciples that he has conquered death. He is indeed alive!)*

If you or your child needs to Dig Deeper or watch the story:

Story Stick Doubting Thomas (4 min)

Jesus appears to Thomas (3 min)



LIVE YOUR FAITH

This week as a family

1. Use the pieces in your packet to complete your Holy Week timeline.
2. Use your Bible figures to retell the story.
3. **Draw a picture or write a sentence or two about anything you learned from this story. (Use an angel bordered Homework Template)**

PRAY

+ Oh Sacred Heart of Jesus, we know you love us soooo much. You died for our sins and now we can live with you forever in heaven. Today we pray in a special way for _____. Amen +

Dig Deeper!



10 Ways that Doubting Thomas is all of us! Quick, humorous but be ready for the punch at the end!
EXCELLENT!

Doubting Thomas & Mercy One page read on a different view of Thomas & his grief.