

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

Doubting Thomas

from Matthew 22:1-14.

Jesus is alive, even if we can't see him.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Thomas
- Believe
- Disciples
- Wounds
- Peace
- Locked

Someone who won't believe without seeing proof is called a "Doubting Thomas" today.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 492-495

Spark NRSV Bible pages 1086

Family Prayer

Jesus, we love you and know you are with us all the time. Thank you for revealing yourself to all. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What are some things that Jesus helps you do?
- 2 Think about a special person in your life who helps you to know about Jesus. What does that person do to help others know Jesus?
- 3 Has there ever been a time when it was hard for you to know that Jesus was with you? What happened to help you believe he was there?
- 4 Play a seeking and hiding game together. Gather the family in one place, such as the kitchen. One person leaves and hides. A second person leaves, finds the other person, and joins them in the hiding spot. Each family member leaves to find the others and joins them, until the entire family is back together. Once everyone is together again, discuss how Jesus could have found the disciples no matter where they hid, and how he finds us too!



Eye Spark

When you lock a door or see someone lock a door, remember that even death couldn't lock Jesus out of our lives!



Ear Spark

When you hear someone say they don't believe something, remember that Thomas didn't believe. Jesus revealed himself so Thomas and others would believe in him.

All Kids, Doubting Thomas Family Page.

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LIVE IT

For families to do together

For dinner, set an extra table setting and leave a chair empty for Jesus. Verbally invite Jesus to dine with your family. Before you eat, have each member of the family thank Jesus for something specific. During the meal, speak and act as if Jesus was sitting in the chair. At the end of the meal, discuss how Jesus is always with us, and we should always act as if he is nearby, even if we can't see him.

For younger kids

Think of a person who is sick or sad. Color a picture of Jesus that you can give to them. Have someone help you write, "Remember, Jesus is with you!" on the picture, then mail the picture or deliver it in person.

For older kids

Search online for a song or video that strengthens your faith in Jesus. Share the song or video with your family and tell them about the ways it helps you to believe in Jesus.

