

**Story Time - Read the story to the children**  
**Lesson 241: THOMAS DOUBTS**  
**JOHN 20:24-29**

Thomas (called Didymus (DYE-di-muss), which means the Twin) was one of the twelve, but he was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. They told him, "We saw the Lord!" Thomas said, "That's hard to believe. Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I won't believe it." After eight days the disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them in the middle of them all. He said, "Peace to you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "You believe because you see me. Blessed (which means how happy!) are the people who believe without seeing me!"

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"The other disciples said to him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'I will have to see the nail holes in His hands, put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side. Only then will I believe it.'" **LUKE 24:13**

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### **MEMORY VERSE:**

*"Jesus said to him, 'Thomas, you believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.'"*     **JOHN 20:24-29**

### **Review Questions** **True or False**

1. Thomas, called Didymus, one of the twelve disciples, was not with them when Jesus came.
2. The other disciples told Thomas, "We have not seen the Lord."
3. "But he said to them, 'Unless I see the place in His hands where the nails were, and put my finger into the place where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I won't believe it.'"
4. After eight MONTHS His disciples were inside, and Thomas was with them, they had the door locked, and Jesus came and stood in the middle of them all, and said, "Peace to you!"
5. Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands; and put your hand in my side. Stop doubting and believe."

### **Questions**

1. When Jesus first appeared to the disciples, was Thomas with them?
2. How many days later was it when they were in the house again? Was Thomas with them this time?
3. What happened when they were in the house again this time? Was the door locked?
4. What was the FIRST thing Jesus told the all the disciples? (Peace to you!)
5. What did Jesus say to Thomas?
6. What did Thomas say to Jesus? Did he believe now?
7. What did Jesus say about people who believe He was raised from the dead without seeing Him?

## Lesson 241 Activity

Peace to you!

Take some butcher paper or even tape several sheets of white plain printer paper together to make a child-sized sheet of paper, and draw a simple outline of a child (head, shoulders, arms, hands, body, legs & feet) – Now take some red paper & cut out a heart or draw a heart & color it red on your ‘child’ where the heart should be. Now cut out several 2”x3” pieces of paper and write a promise from God on each one.

Now play a version of “Pin the tail on the donkey” but play “Pin the Peace in your Heart” with the children.

Use a simple blindfold or mask so they can’t peek – spin them around 3 or 4 times, and let them try to pin their scripture as close to the child’s heart as possible.

Explain that God’s promises give us peace if we keep them in our heart! Memorizing scripture is a great way to keep God’s Word in our hearts, and remembering what the disciples all saw when they saw Jesus who was raised from the dead come and talk to them, keeping those stories in our heart, give us GREAT peace!

### PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving that Jesus rose again from the dead. We can also be thankful that when we trust in Him He will take away all of our fear and doubt. If there is anyone who has not asked Jesus to come into their lives, give them opportunity to do so.

## Some example scriptures of God's promises:

**2 Peter 1:4** – And because of His glory and excellence, He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that enable you to share His divine nature and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

**Matthew 11:28-29** - Come to me, all you who are tired and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Jeremiah 29:11** – “For I know the plans I have for you”, says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”

**Isaiah 40:29-31** – He gives power to the weak and strength to the powerless. Even youths will become weak and tired, and young men will fall in exhaustion, But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength, they will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

**Philippians 4:19** – And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from His glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.

**Romans 8:37-39** – I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Not life, nor death, nor angels, nor demons, nor our fears for today, nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

**Proverbs 1:33** – But all who listen to me will live in peace, untroubled by fear or harm.

**John 14:27** – Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. The world cannot give you this peace, so do not be troubled or afraid.

**Romans 10:9** – If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

**Romans 6:23** – For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**James 1:12** – Blessed is the man who stays strong during hard times, because when he has stood through the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.

**Philippians 4:6-7** – Do not be anxious for anything, but in everything in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving make your requests known to God. And the peace of God, that is beyond anything you can understand, will guard your hearts and your minds in Jesus Christ.

**John 15:7-8** – If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and that way prove you are my disciples.

**Psalms 37:4** - Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.

**John 3:16** – For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

**Romans 1:1-2** – There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

**Jude 1:2** – May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you.

**Revelation 21:1** – Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.

