Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What do you believe about Jesus? Do you have any doubts about Him?
- Do you think it is ever OK to doubt?
- Why do you think Jesus said that those who believe without seeing are blessed?



Jesus and the Doubter

John 20:24-29

MAIN POINT: JESUS SHOWED HIS HANDS AND SIDE TO THOMAS.

Thomas was one of Jesus' disciples, but he was not with the others when Jesus visited them. The other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen Jesus!"

But Thomas doubted. He said, "I don't believe you! I want to see and touch the holes in His hands and His side, or I will never believe!"

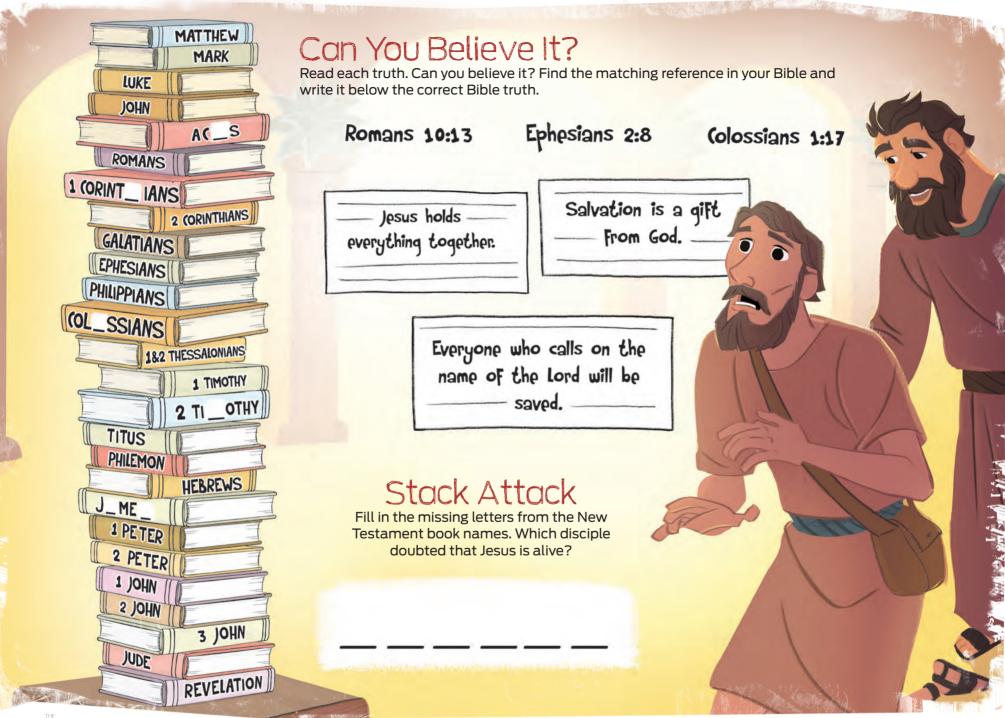
Eight days later, the disciples were indoors again. This time, Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, "Peace to you!"

Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at My hands. Reach out and touch My side. Don't be an unbeliever; believe!"

Thomas did believe. "My Lord and my God!" he said.

Jesus said, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Those who believe in Me without seeing Me are blessed."

Christ Connection: Thomas saw Jesus for himself. He saw that Jesus had been raised from the dead and was alive. He saw Jesus' scars from the cross, where Jesus died for our sins. We have not seen Jesus, but Jesus said if we believe in Him without seeing Him, we are blessed.



Do You Believe?

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each of the questions below with "yes" or "no." Compare your answers with a friend's.





BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

 What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

BIBLE STORY: JESUS AND THE DOUBTER

- Thomas was not around when Jesus appeared to His disciples the first time.
- Thomas refused to believe Jesus was alive without proof.
- Jesus showed His hands and side to Thomas.
- Jesus said people who believe without seeing are blessed.

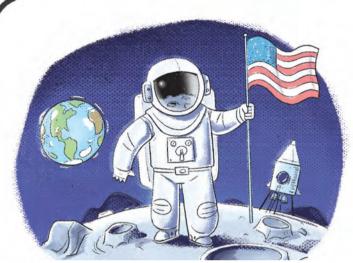
FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Is it wrong to have doubts?
- What is our evidence that Jesus is alive?
- Whom can we tell about out evidence?

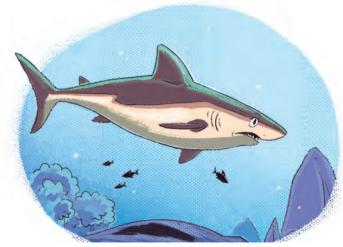
FAMILY ACTIVITY:

 Host a storytelling contest.
 See who tells the most exciting and the most believable story.
 Remind them that the story of Jesus is both exciting and true.

> Younger Kids Activity Pages Unit 27, Session 2



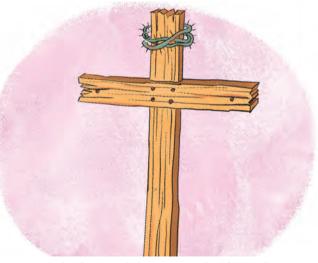
Do you believe that a man has walked on the moon? ____



Do you believe that sharks exist?



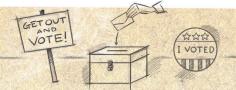
Do you believe that electricity powers lightbulbs?



Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose again? _____







I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

