

Thomas Believes

A Bible Story for Kids

Find it in the Bible: John 20:24-29

Characters: Jesus, Thomas, The Disciples

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AFTER JESUS ROSE from the dead, He visited His disciples. But one of them wasn't there—Thomas.

When Thomas got back, everyone was SO excited!

'Thomas! Thomas! We SAW Jesus! He's ALIVE!'

But Thomas shook his head. 'No way. I won't believe it unless I see Him myself. I need to see the holes in His hands and touch His side where the spear went in. Then I'll believe.'

A whole week went by. The disciples were together in a room with the doors locked.

Suddenly—Jesus was there! Right in the middle of the room!

'Peace be with you,' Jesus said.

Then Jesus looked at Thomas. He held out His hands.

'Thomas, come here. Look at My hands. Put your finger right here where the nails were. Touch My side. Stop doubting and **BELIEVE!**'

Thomas stared. It really WAS Jesus! He fell to his knees.

'My Lord and my God!'

Thomas believed! He KNEW Jesus was alive!

Jesus said something important: 'You believe because you've seen Me. But there will be people who believe without seeing—and they are blessed!'

That's US! We haven't seen Jesus with our eyes, but we believe He's real and alive. Jesus says we're BLESSED!

Jesus was patient with Thomas. He's patient with us too when we have questions or doubts. He wants us to believe!