

## Children's work – Doubting Thomas – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020

### **Superstars (ages under 7):**

**God is good all the time, all the time God is good! An exciting lesson today, with craft material at a minimum - a square of card or paper, pen, scissors and a bowl of water. This is so exciting.....**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmUDCDm6yqQ>

### **Trailblazers (ages 7-11):**

## Seeing is Believing – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020



Follow the links below to find out who (in the Bible) found it hard to believe that Jesus was alive, but then realised for himself that Jesus really WAS!!! ... and for some great worship songs and arty ideas too.

### **Session:**

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/3v1v317kgk0yt01/DoubtingThomas.mp4?dl=0>

### **Story:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=foJgyECyUFQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYmJSMe3AU8>

Read the story in the Bible (New Testament) in John chapter 20 verses 19-29

### **Songs:**

## **Faith as small as a mustard seed**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AFEUjy42xNk>

## **I believe**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s\\_x3dnHLg3Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s_x3dnHLg3Q)

## **This I believe**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzI\\_FbWTkg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzI_FbWTkg)

## **Arty/crafty ideas**

### **1. Handy Prayer**

#### **You will need:**

- Scissors
- Paper
- Pens or pencils
- Glue or tape

#### **What to do:**

1. Trace round your hand.
2. Add a round 'nail scar' in the middle if you like.
3. Cut the paper hand out.
4. On each finger, write a person or topic to pray for every day this week.



### **OR ... 2. Memory Verse Hand**

**On the hand, write this verse from today's story to learn:**

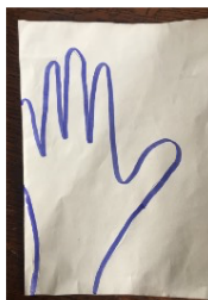
***“The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed.” John 20:29b***

or the words of Thomas: ***“My Lord and my God!”***

**OR ... 3. Double Prayer Hands**

Prayer Hands

Thomas wanted to see the marks in Jesus' hands and side to believe. Make a pair of hands and use them to express your feelings, doubts and beliefs to God



Start with a piece of paper, clear or decorated one side, big enough to draw round a hand when folded in half.

Fold in half and draw round a hand making sure that the little finger is touching the folded half.

Cut out the hand leaving the little finger that touches the fold uncut so that when it is opened out the hands are attached at the little finger.

Think about how Thomas wanted to see the marks in Jesus' hands to believe. Make your own marks to Jesus hands or wrists. (Many believe that in crucified men were nailed to the cross through their wrists).



Think about Thomas and his struggle to believe. What are you struggling with? Is it faith in God's love or purpose in these difficult times? Tell Jesus all about it. Write or draw your prayer on the hands or if you are feeling upset or frustrated you could simply scribble. Offer your prayer to God.

## Another 'Believe it' or 'Doubt it' Challenge

You can ask someone to read these out to *you*, or you can test someone *else*!

- 1) A group of owls is called a 'parliament' – True
- 2) You are more likely to be stung by a bee in windy weather – False
- 3) A pregnant goldfish is called a twit – True
- 4) They have square watermelons in Japan because they stack better? – True
- 5) Penguins can smell toothpaste from several miles away? – False
- 6) A duck's quack doesn't echo – True
- 7) The words "Poor" and "poverty" are written over 400 times in the Bible – True
- 8) In space you cannot cry – True (there is no gravity)
- 9) Frogs have to drink lots of water - False
- 10) Elephants eat with their noses – True
- 11) Spiders have six legs. False (they have 8)
- 12) A tiger has stripes on its skin – True
- 13) An ostrich has the largest eye in the world - False (a giant squid does)
- 14) The sandwich is named after a person - True (the Earl of Sandwich)
- 15) A rabbit eats its own poo - True (YUCK!!!)



*How did you do? Were all the true facts easy to believe?!*



**I doubt it!**  
**(not true)**



I believe

it!

(true)