## 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.

