

## This Week in Sunday School 4.11.21 - Thomas Believes



Happy Sunday, Friends,

This week we are going to learn about a disciple named Thomas. He's universally known as Doubting Thomas. He gets a bad rap because he questioned the return of Jesus. Truth is he missed him in the disciple's house the first time around, and when something seems too good to be true, questions can help us sort out the truth from fiction. Especially when it comes to the amazing good news of Jesus, asking questions helps us believe. And because poor Thomas asked for some proof, he was forever branded Doubting Thomas.

But doubt isn't a bad thing! Asking questions, looking for evidence, finding proof - this are all GOOD THINGS. God loves questions; that Jesus encouraged questions in his teaching and storytelling; and that Thomas's wanting to be sure are important aspects of faith.

Attached are some activity pages. Enjoy!

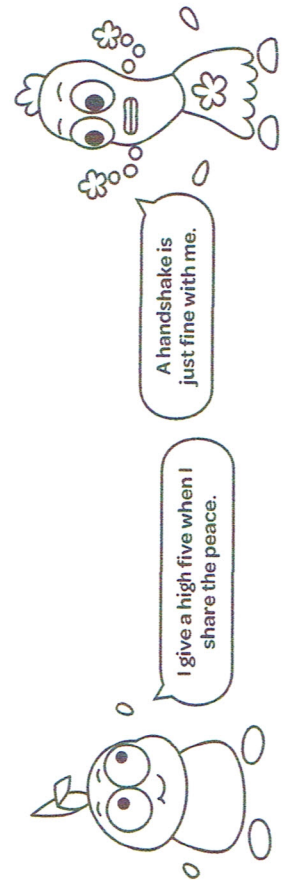
Finally Friends, Belief isn't something that is above doubt. Everyone doubts at some point in their life. This story reminds us that true belief comes from asking questions. Your faith grows even stronger when you ask questions.

I hope all of you know how much you are loved and missed! We can't wait to be all together at church again soon.

Take Care,  
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Does your church share the peace? If so, people might shake hands, hug, or give the peace sign. Color this sign of peace and show it to others when you share the peace.

# PEACE BE WITH YOU



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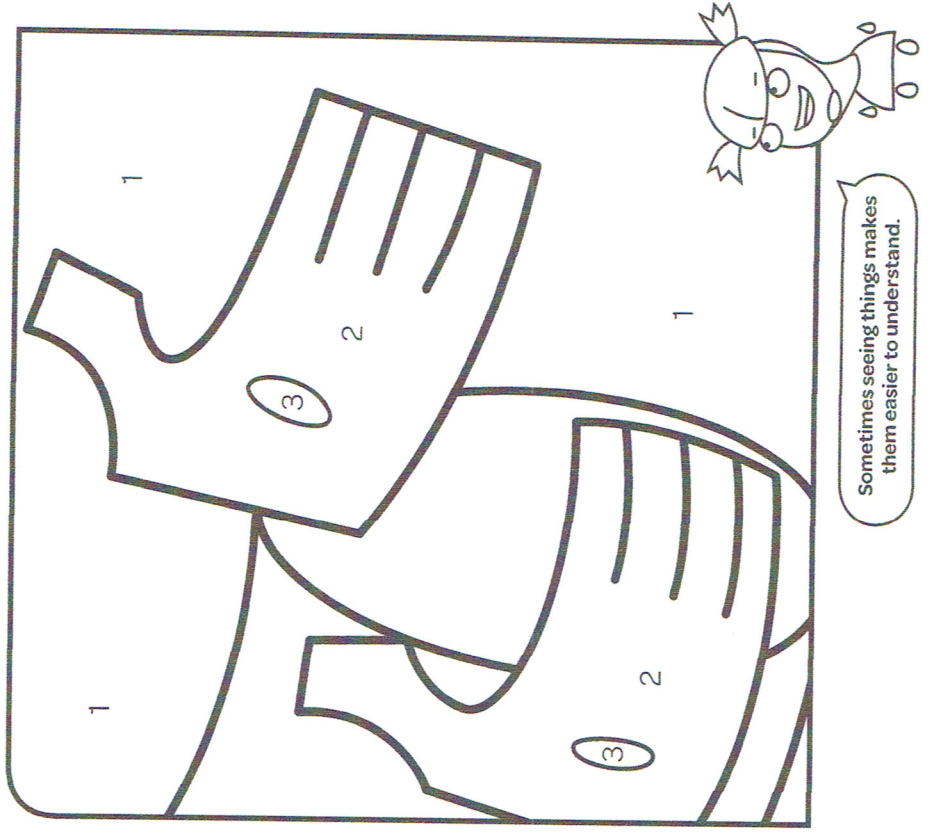
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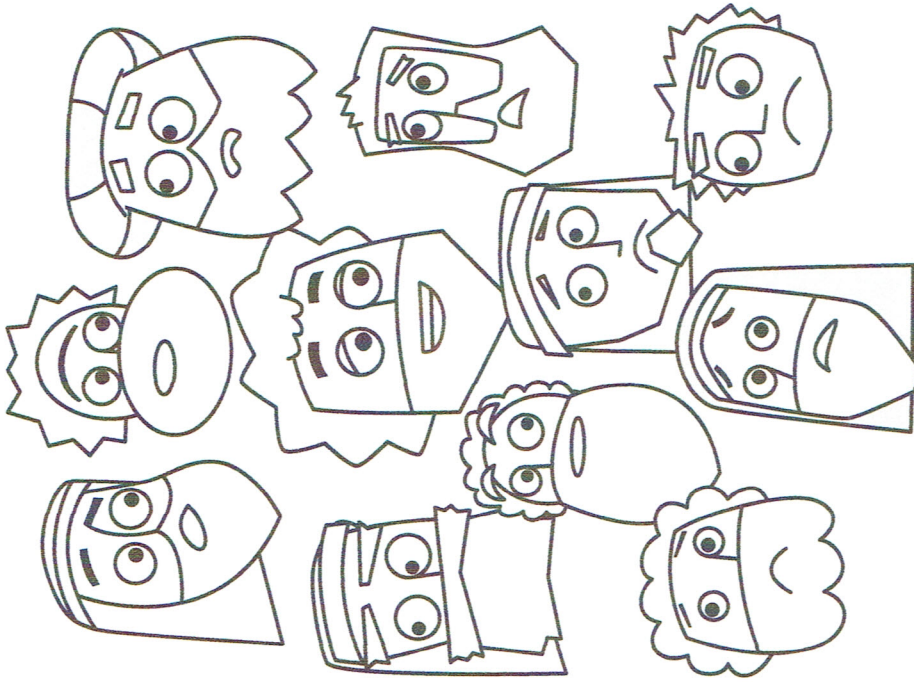


Thomas liked to ask questions. He wanted to see Jesus and believe. Color by number below to see what Thomas saw.

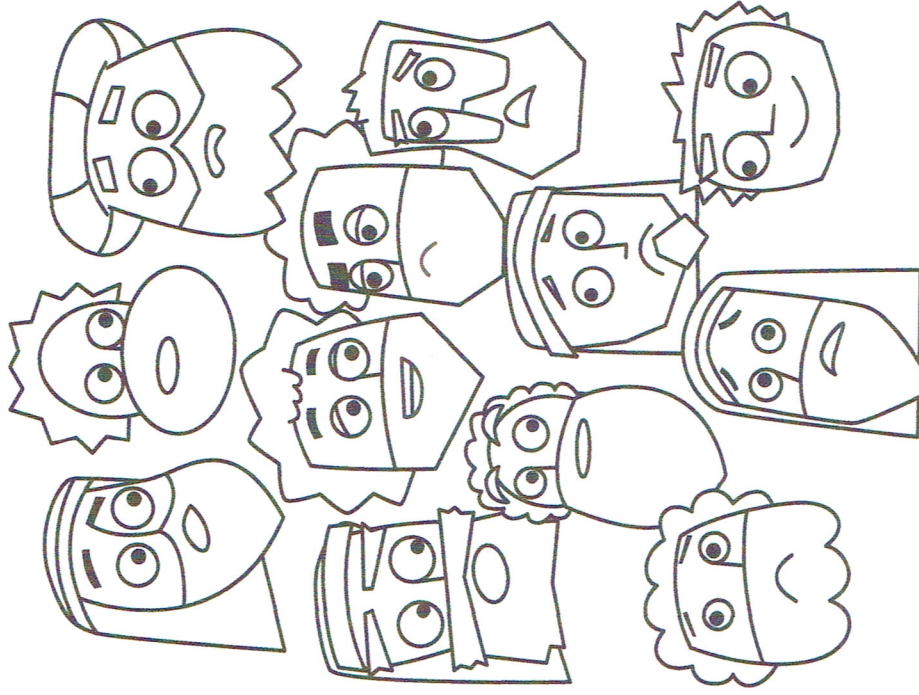
1 = Yellow 2 = Brown 3 = Red



Jesus showed up in a locked room. His disciples were amazed!  
But Thomas was not there.

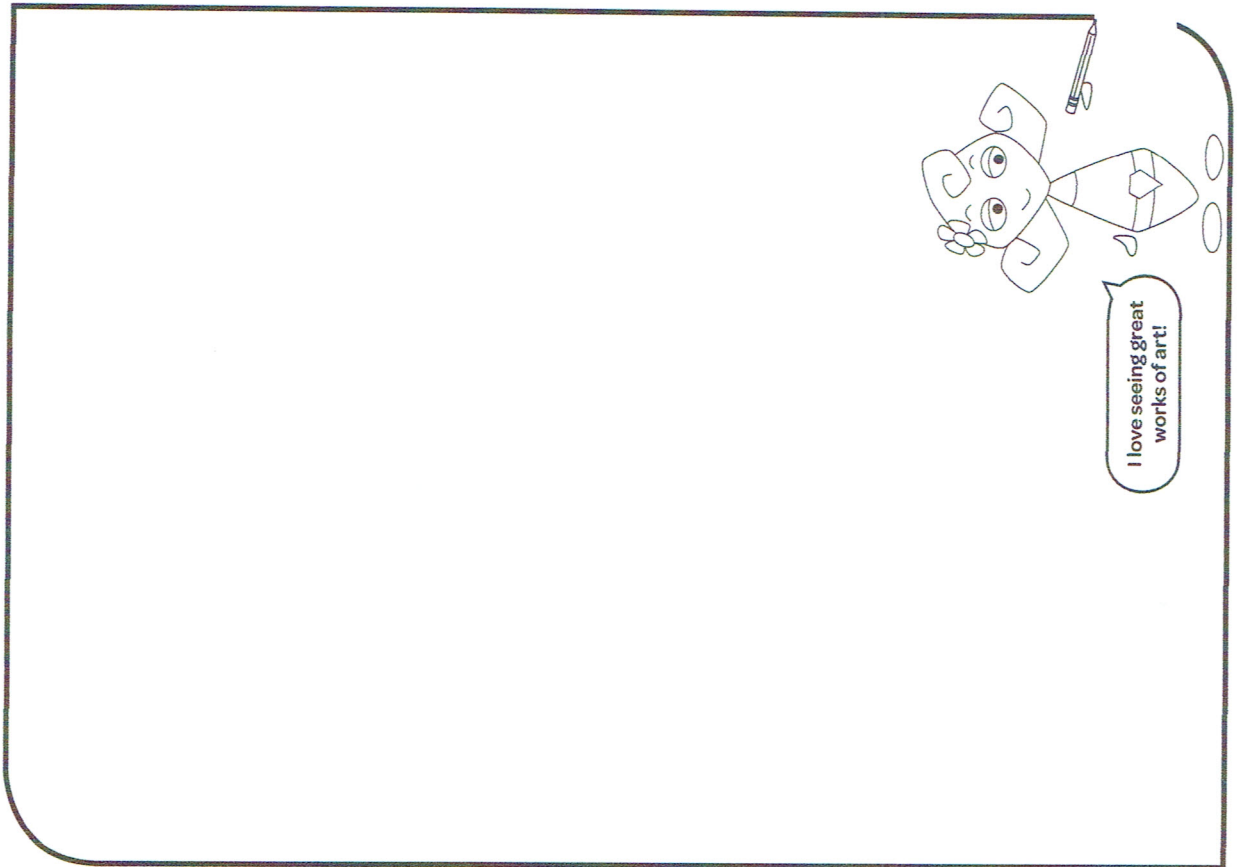


Jesus showed up again. His disciples were still amazed! Now  
Thomas was there. What is different in this scene? Circle 7 things.



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Thomas asked to see the wounds in Jesus' hands and side. He could not believe that Jesus was risen. Many artists have created work showing Jesus' hands with wounds. How would YOU show Jesus' hands? Create your art here.



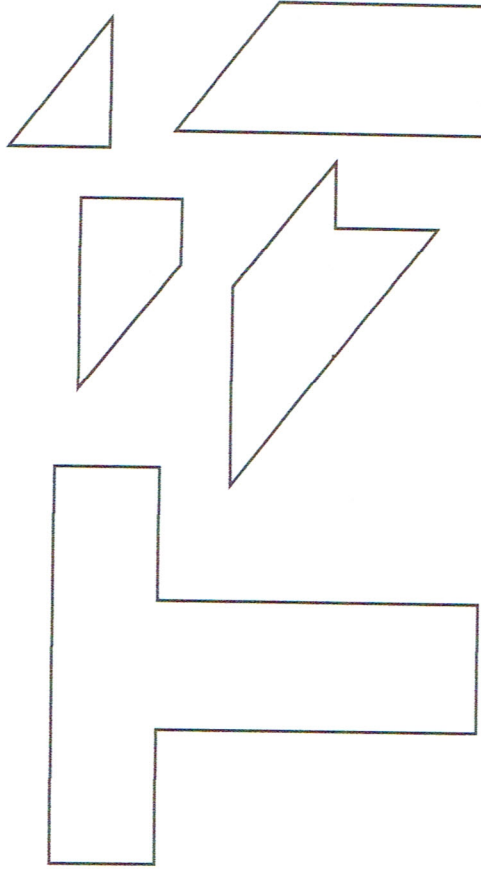
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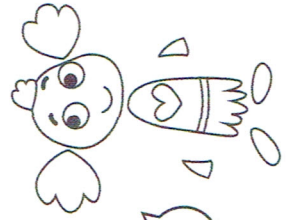
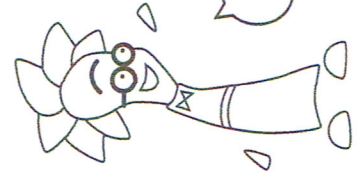
**TODAY'S THEME IS BELIEVE.**



T is for Thomas, who wanted to see Jesus so he could believe. Can you believe all the shapes on the right come together to fill the T on the left? All the shapes fit in the T in the same position they are on the right without overlapping. Draw each shape in the T to completely fill the puzzle.



Stumped? See how on back page.



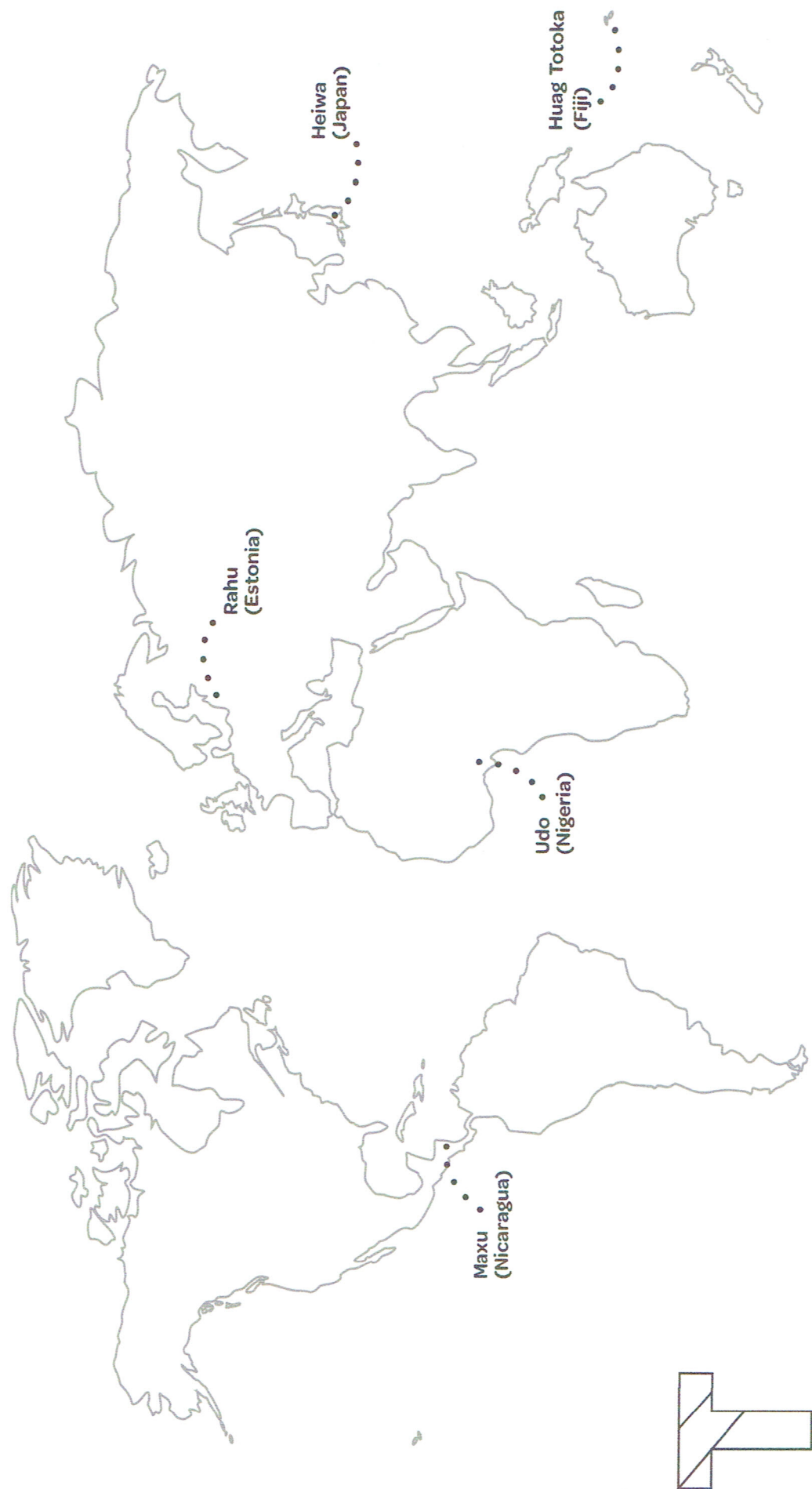
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# Peace be with you!

Those are words you may hear during worship when you share the peace. Today as you share the peace, try saying it in a different language.



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