

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.

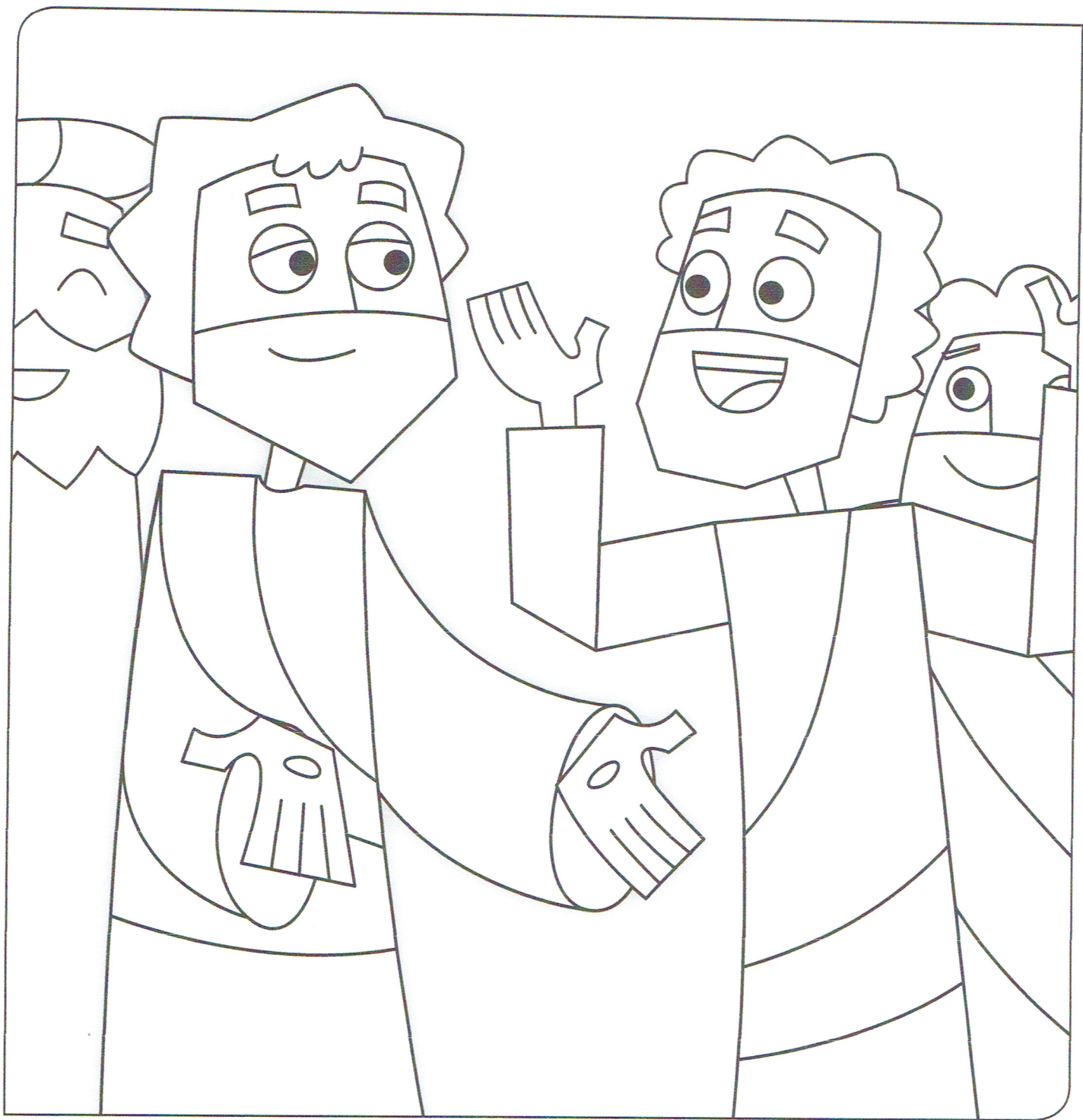
Attached is a coloring page and a craft idea. Enjoy!

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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"Peace be with you," Jesus said. "Thomas, touch my hands. Believe." Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!" What do you wonder about Jesus?

Thomas Believes Craft



You Will Need:

- Scissors
- Construction paper (any color)
- Markers or decorating materials
- Glue or tape
- Popsicle sticks (optional)

Directions:

- Trace a hand onto paper or cardstock.
- Add a round “nail scar” in the center, if desired.
- Cut the hand out of the paper.
- On each finger, write a person or topic to pray for.
- If desired, place the praying hand on a stick or string for display.