



Sunday, April 24, 2022
 Thomas Doubts - John 20:19-31



What's the Big Idea?

Blessed are those who believe and have not seen!

Have you ever heard someone being called a "Doubting Thomas?" The phrase comes from this story. Even though we use his name to refer to those lacking faith, Thomas also showed great faith throughout the gospels. See for yourself by reading John 11:1-16 and John 14:5-7.



Read It

Find this week's story on pages 492-495 of your Spark Story Bible.



Talk About It

- 1) Why did Thomas doubt that Jesus had risen from the dead?
- 2) Have you ever had a hard time believing something was true? How did someone convince you?
- 3) In this story, Jesus appeared with the disciples even though all the doors to the house were locked. How do you think the disciples felt when they saw Jesus?
- 4) What's something that you believe even though you can't see it? What would you need to see with your own eyes?

Pray: Dear God, we all have our doubts about lots of things. The future. Other people. Ourselves. Help us not only believe in you, but also see your good works throughout the world. Amen.

Try It

Do you ever need to touch something to see if it's real? Have each family member grab a few objects (don't show each other!) and take turns with a blindfold on trying to guess what objects are placed in your hands only by using your sense of touch. Can you tell what's been placed in your hands? Are there any times when just touching something isn't enough to tell what it is? 😎
 Talk about what it's like to not be able to rely on sight.

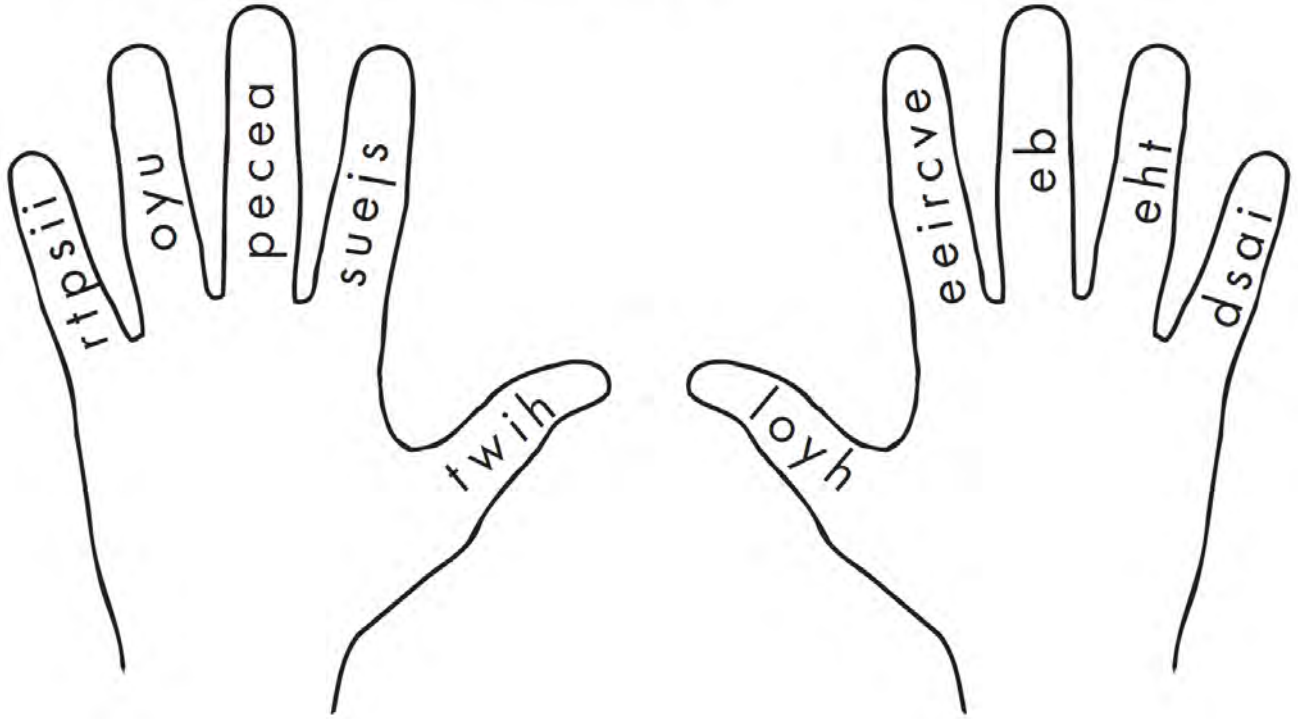
Memorize It

Challenge yourself to memorize the following verse of the week.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God has sent me, so I send you." John 20:21

Doubting Thomas

Thomas had trouble believing the truth until it was right in front of him! Unscramble the words in the hands. Then re-arrange the words to read Jesus' message.



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Answer: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."



Thomas' eyes popped. "My Lord and my God!" he exclaimed.