

1st-5th Grade Small Group Lesson



Session Title: Jesus and the Doubter

Bible Passage: John 20:24-29

Main Point: Jesus showed His hands and side to Thomas.

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Big Picture Question: What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

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.*

Red or Green?

Materials: red and green paper

Give each participant a red and a green paper. Read the following statements about the Bible. If it is a true statement, the group holds up the green paper. If they believe it is a false statement, they will hold up the red paper. Be sure to clarify the correct answer after each statement.

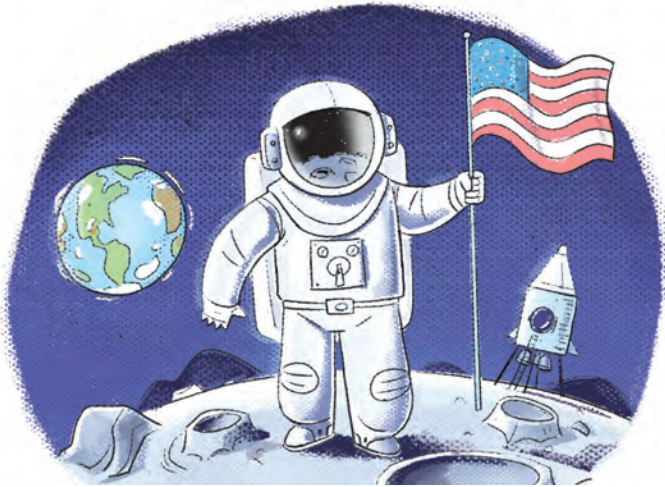
- **The Bible has 75 different books in it.** (*false, the Bible contains 66 books*)
- **The Bible is a book of fairy tales.** (*false, the Bible is God's Word; 2 Tim. 3:16*)
- **The Book of John is in the Old Testament.** (*false, New Testament*)
- **The Bible has everything we need to know to believe in Jesus.** (*true, 2 Pet. 1:3*)
- **The Bible says faith is when we believe only in the things we see.** (*false, faith is trusting in the things we do not see; Heb. 11:1*)
- **Believing something without seeing it is hard.** (*Answers will vary.*)

Sometimes knowing if something is true can be hard. It was hard for Thomas, but **Jesus showed His hands and side to Thomas.** Jesus also reminded us that those who believe without seeing are blessed.

Do You Believe?

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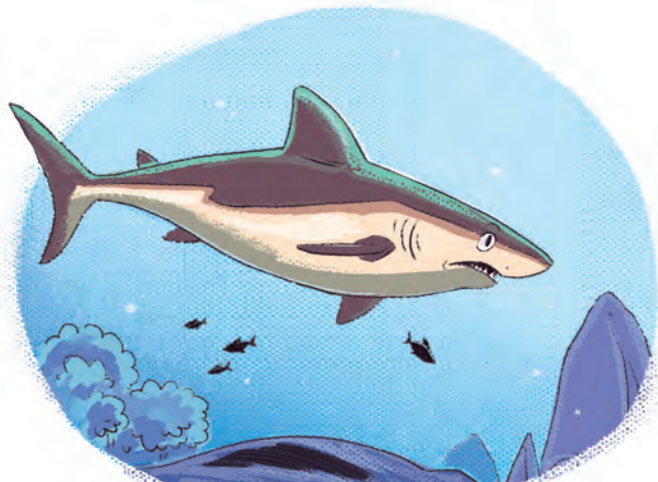
INSTRUCTIONS: Answer each of the questions below with “yes” or “no.” Compare your answers with a friend’s.



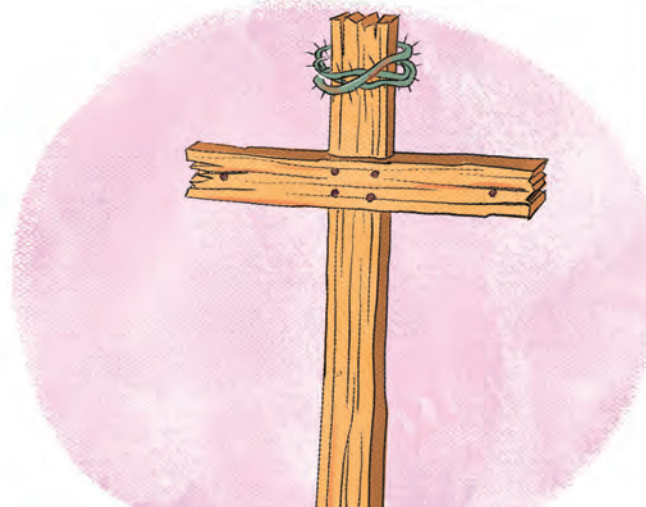
Do you believe that a man has walked on the moon? _____



Do you believe that electricity powers lightbulbs? _____



Do you believe that sharks exist?



Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross and rose again? _____

KEY PASSAGE:

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is our mission as believers? Our mission as believers is to make disciples of all nations by the power of the Spirit.

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS AND THE DOUBTER

- Thomas was not around when Jesus appeared to His disciples the first time.
- Thomas refused to believe Jesus was alive without proof.
- Jesus showed His hands and side to Thomas.
- Jesus said people who believe without seeing are blessed.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Is it wrong to have doubts?
- What is our evidence that Jesus is alive?
- Whom can we tell about our evidence?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Host a storytelling contest. See who tells the most exciting and the most believable story. Remind them that the story of Jesus is both exciting and true.