

# Double Dose of Doubt

**The Scene:** locked room

**The Simple Setup:** No furniture or props are needed; just an empty stage.

**For Extra Impact:** Have children wear robes or other Bible-time costuming.

**Bible Story**  
Jesus Appears to  
Thomas  
**Scripture**  
John 20:24-31

## The Characters

**Narrator:** an expressive storyteller

**Thomas:** a guy or girl

**Jesus:** a guy

**Peter:** a guy or girl

**John:** a guy or girl

**Disciples:** a group of kids who'll obey the directions given by the Narrator

## The Skit

After you've assigned the roles of Thomas, Jesus, Peter, and John, cast the remaining children in the role of Disciples.

The stage is empty until Peter and John enter stage-left. Thomas and the Disciples are off-stage, stage right. Jesus is offstage; stage left. Narrator is offstage or at one side of stage.

**Start the "Jesus Appears to Thomas" track on *The Humongous Book of Bible Skits for Children's Ministry* CD (track 47). Set your CD player on "repeat" so the track repeats.**



**Peter:** OK, I think we're SAFE. I didn't see anyone following us. Did YOU?

**John:** No—at least not any SOLDIERS. I checked the street before we closed the door, too.

**Peter:** The Roman patrols are in the street, and they're checking doors some-times. Did you LOCK the door?

**John:** Absolutely! BOTH locks. No WAY anyone is getting in through that door—it's ROCK SOLID!

**Peter:** You know, it was horrible for Jesus to die like that...

**John:** I know. I was there.

**Peter:** The LORD has forgiven me for running away, but I don't know HOW long it'll be before I forgive MYSELF...

**John:** If JESUS forgives you, can you do any less for yourself? Listen, are the others already here? Are we the last two?

**Peter:** I'll find out. Hey, DISCIPLES!

*(The Disciples and Thomas enter from stage right.)*

**John:** Looks like we're all here. INCLUDING Thomas.

**Thomas:** It's not my fault I wasn't here for the last meeting.

**Peter:** You mean the one where Jesus appeared to us?

**Thomas:** I know you say that happened, and I WANT to believe, but I just can't.

**John:** WHAT was it you said? "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." Your words EXACTLY, aren't they?

**Peter:** It really DID happen, Thomas. We ALL saw it!

*(The Disciples nod their heads in agreement.)*

**Thomas:** Listen, I know you THINK you saw Jesus. And I'm not saying you made it up. But THINK about it—you'd just lost your best friend. Jesus had just been killed on the cross.

**Peter:** So what?

**Thomas:** So you were all under a lot of STRAIN. You were STRESSED. You hadn't slept for DAYS. That's the PERFECT situation for people to start to imagine they're seeing things that really aren't there.

**Peter:** Meaning WHAT? You're calling us LIARS?

**Thomas:** No! I'm just saying that it's...it's easy to THINK you see someone when that person isn't really THERE. Like when you're out in a boat fishing and you look to shore and think you see a friend. Then you look AGAIN and it turns out your friend is just a piece of driftwood. It was an honest MISTAKE.

**Peter:** I think Thomas is calling us LIARS!

**John:** That's NOT what he's saying, Peter. But you are saying that you're not going to take our word that Jesus is alive, right?

**Thomas:** I was there, John. I saw his body; too. I KNOW he was buried. I KNOW he's dead.

**John:** And you saw the miracles he did in front of us for YEARS, Thomas. You KNOW Jesus is God's Son!

**Thomas:** Still...I don't want to get my HOPES up. Until I see him with my own two eyes...

**Peter:** AND see the nail marks. AND put your hand in his wound. We KNOW. Thomas, you're such a DOUBTER!

**Thomas:** Hey—explain THIS to me: How did Jesus get into a locked room?

**John:** We don't know.

**Thomas:** And how did Jesus get past all the Roman patrols?

**John:** We don't know THAT, either.

**Thomas:** Plus, there's that matter of Jesus getting out of a sealed TOMB. Bet you can't explain THAT, either!

**John:** Nope. I can just tell you what we saw. Jesus IS alive.

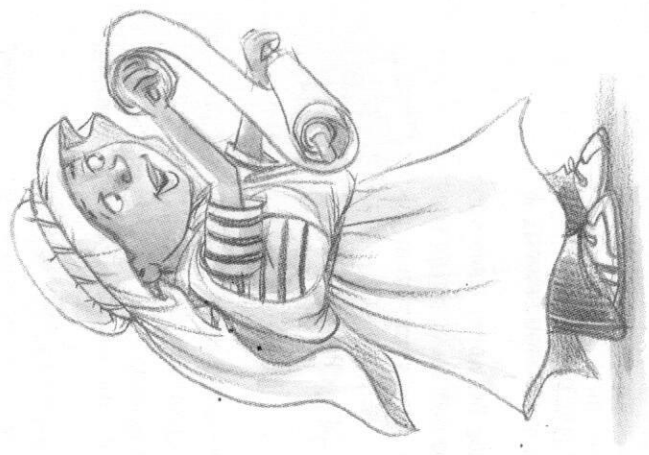
**Thomas:** Well, you're a LITTLE SHORT on answers! Like I said, unless I can see the nail marks...

*(Jesus enters from stage left.)*

**Jesus:** In my hands? Peace be with you. Thomas put your fingers on the marks in my hands. Touch my side. Stop doubting and BELIEVE.

**Thomas:** Jesus—is that...that YOU? *(Kneels.)* My Lord and my God!

*(All the Disciples kneel.)*



**Jesus:** You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have NOT seen and STILL believe.

**narrator:** Jesus did a many other miracles at that time, too. They're not all recorded in the Bible. But what happened here—Jesus appearing to Thomas and the other Disciples—it's written in the book of John that you, too, might believe on the Lord Jesus.



## To Talk About

- ◆ **The disciples were afraid they might be killed, like Jesus was killed. Have you ever been afraid of anything because you were following Jesus?**
- ◆ **Thomas needed to be sure about what had happened. Is it OK to have questions about God?**
- ◆ **The disciples were sad, and Jesus comforted them. How does Jesus comfort you when you're sad?**

**Topical Tie-ins:** Fear, Questions, Trusting God