

## Growing through the Gospels together as a family

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### Discuss and Share

⇒ Thomas had a hard time believing that Jesus had risen from the dead because he didn't see it with own eyes. We can relate. Faith isn't always easy. What are some of things you struggle to understand about our Catholic Faith?

⇒ If someone asked you to describe God, what would say?

### Do together:

⇒ We see God and come to believe in him when we experience the generosity of others. Be that image of God to others with your generosity. Do you have clothes, toys, books and small house hold items that can be donated to those in need? THIS WEEKEND, the St. Chris Knights of Columbus are collecting for the community of Morehead KY. See the website for details. If you can't get it pulled together in time, you can always donate your items to St. Vincent De Paul Shelter.

## My Lord and My God!

The incredible news spreads: "Jesus is alive! He is risen!" But how can we believe such a thing? Who saw him? Only a few women, the disciples, and his friends claim that it's true. How do we know they weren't just believing what they wanted to be true? Saint Thomas was with us on that question. On the first Easter evening, he wasn't there. Later, the other Apostles ran to him exclaiming, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas, however, could not rejoice with them. "Unless I see..." he protested, "I will not believe." One week later he does see Jesus, and he cries out, "My Lord and my God!" Do you believe that Jesus is risen? You have not seen him, but you have received the gift of faith at your baptism. You can make faith grow each day by choosing new life in Christ, by praying with Saint Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

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You came Jesus, that we might have new life. You died to give us that new life. You showed us the way to live, the way to die and the way to live again. You promised that we too will one day rise. There is laughter and joy because Jesus, our friend and our Lord, is risen! Alleluia! Amen!

Gospel, John 20: 19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.