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# Jesus is Alive ... Believe It

## Craft Ideas on Doubting Thomas

(John 20:19-31)

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Thomas is notorious for insisting that he see Jesus before believing he truly rose from the grave. He got his wish and was permitted to thrust his hands in the wounds of Christ...however, Jesus promised that those who have not seen and still believe are considered “blessed.” These crafts celebrate the fact that we “walk by faith, not by sight” and our hope is in the word of God. An “evidence bag” can be used for Bible bookmarks, crosses, or other trinkets. A door hanger reminds children to always hang their faith on Jesus. And “faith glasses” serve to commemorate the importance of trusting without seeing.



### **Bible Verses or Captions to Consider...**

Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

- John 20:29

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. -2 Corinthians 5:6-7

Saved by the wounds of Jesus...grace through faith!

Blessed are those who believe without seeing!

Seeing is not always believing!

### **More Teaching Ideas:**

- Watch our video demonstration of this [children's sermon](#) or the suggested [craft ideas](#)
- Compare our full [Doubting Thomas Sunday School Lesson](#)
- See more [John 20:19-31 ideas on Sunday School Works](#)
- Compare another [object lesson on faith and doubt](#)

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## Craft one: “Evidence Bag” of Faith

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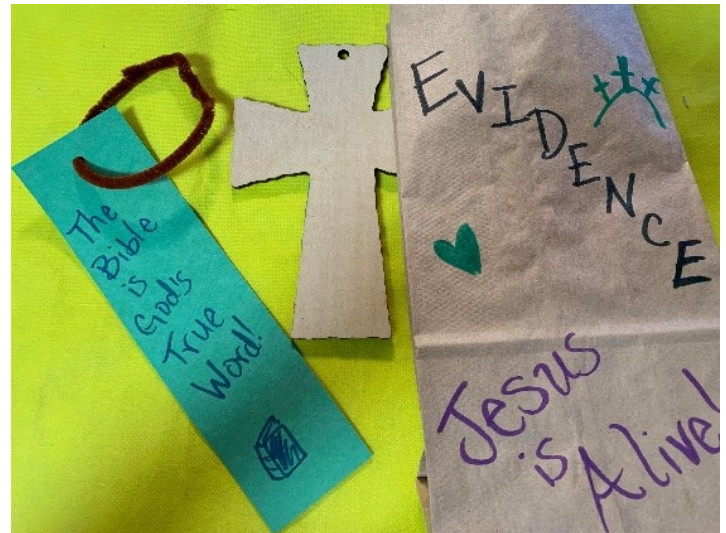
### You will need:

- Scissors
- Construction paper (any color)
- Markers or decorating materials
- Glue or tape
- Paper bags
- Cross
- Stickers, decorations, etc.



### Procedure:

1. Decorate the “evidence bag” with captions, titles, verses, stickers, and more.
2. Decide which items to put inside the evidence bag...
3. Decorate bookmarks, crosses, or other items that will go inside evidence bag.
4. Use the bag to hold items that will serve as reminders of the truth of the Resurrection. Carry or hang in a prominent place!



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## Craft Two: “Eyes of Faith Glasses”

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### You will need:

- Construction Paper or cardstock
- Paper plates (optional)
- Glue, tape, or staples
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaners or string
- Stickers or extra decorations
- Crosses



### Procedure:

1. Use paper, cardstock, or paper plates as the base of your “glasses.” Cut two heart shapes out of the paper or plates.
2. Decorate the “lens” of your glasses with pictures, captions, or verses.
3. Use a small piece of paper to attach the two lenses together.
4. Attach pipe cleaners (or more papers) to the sides of the heart papers to complete the glasses.
5. Use the glasses as decoration, costume, or simple reminder of the story.



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## Craft Three: “Hang your Hope on Him” Door Hanger

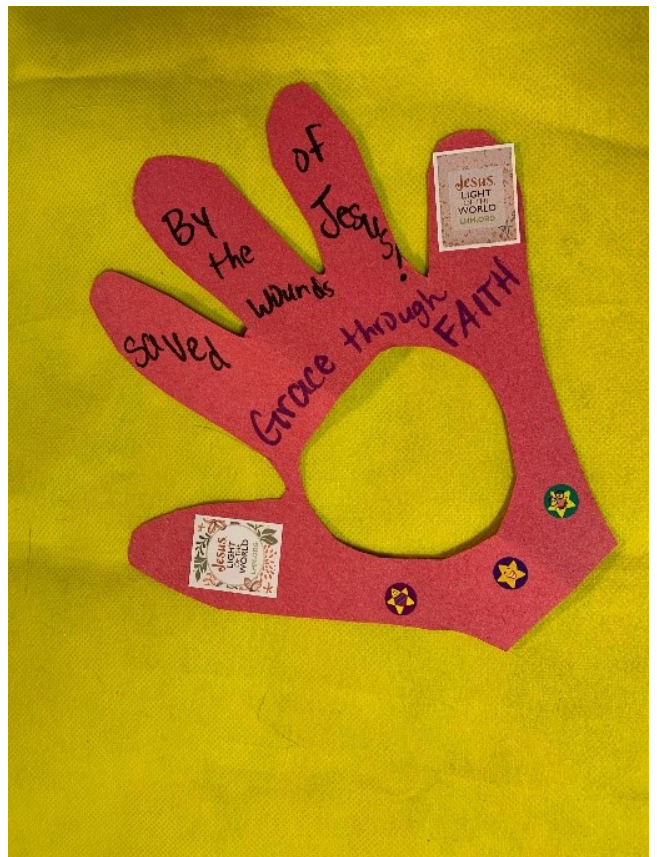
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### You will need:

- Construction Paper or cardstock
- Stickers, stencils, or other decoration
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Pipe cleaners or string

### Procedure:

1. Trace a hand on the paper or cardstock. Draw a large circle in the center.
2. Decorate the hand with stickers and markers, adding stickers and verses or captions.
3. Cut out the hand, leaving an extra border around the space if needed.
4. Cut a circle out of the hand, reminding kids of the nails in the hands of Jesus, and also allowing space to slip over a door knob.
5. Use your door hanger as a fun reminder of faith and trusting God!





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