

When children and parents have faith discussions regularly, faith multiplies.



Faith at Home

Parent Handout

Theme of the Sunday: New Sunday - First Sunday of Easter. "Seeing Is Believing."

Verse of the Sunday: "But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told 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 in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20:44-29

Message/Moral of the day: You and I have never seen Jesus with our own eyes. The question is, will we be a doubter, or will we be one of those who Jesus said were blessed because they believe, even though they have not seen?

New Sunday is yet another opportunity for us, the faithful, to have a renewed spirit and once again joyfully proclaim the triumph of the Resurrection. We are asked to put aside any and all doubt, be strengthened in spirit, and boldly profess our faith in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faith at Home:

- Talk with your child/ren about doubt. Define it.
- Talk out of your experience about people you can trust and people you can't. Explain why?
- Trust and hope in our Lord Jesus Christ are very important components for us Christians. Share with your child/ren your ways to trust and hope the Lord, and how that positively impacts your life and the life of those who are around you.

Prayer & Worship: Dear Heavenly Father, help us to believe in our heart the truths and promises we find in your Holy Word, even though we have not seen them with our eyes. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.