**Sola Publishing Children's Message**
**Easter 2 – Year A**

# It's Okay to Be Like Thomas

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| **Readings** | 1) Acts 5:29-42<br>2) 1 Peter 1:3-9<br>3) John 20:19-31 |
| **Scripture Focus** | John 20:19-31 |
| **Take Away** | None |
| **Aids**<br>(pics, props, etc.) | The B-I-B-L-E song<br>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvidBeKyRX4 |

## Message

There was a man named Thomas who was one of Jesus' disciples. A week after Jesus rose from the dead He showed up to be with His disciples. Jesus showed them His hands and His side and they were very happy to see Him again, but one was missing. Thomas wasn't there.

Later on, when they saw Thomas, and told him what happened, he didn't believe them. He said, "Unless I put my finger in the holes in His hands and put my fist in His side where the spear was, I will never believe He's alive."

Well, 8 days later, Jesus showed up to see the disciples again and said, "Okay, Thomas. Look. Put your finger here in the hole in my hand. Put your fist in my side where the spear was. Believe!" And suddenly, Thomas believed. He had faith. Then Jesus said, "Blessed are all those people who don't get to touch my wounds and believe that I am alive."

Basically, Thomas said, PROVE IT. He refused to believe Jesus was alive without proof. A lot of people say that. They're like Thomas. They say, "I won't believe it without proof." The thing is, we don't have Jesus standing before us, but we do have God's word, the BIBLE, which is absolutely true.

Where do we look to know about Jesus? The Bible.
Where do we look to learn about Jesus? The Bible.
Where do we find the story of Jesus? The Bible.

(If you want to and have the time, sing the song, The B-I-B-L-E.)

The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that's the book for me. I stand alone on the word of God, the B-I-B-L-E.

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| **Repeat Prayer** | Dear Jesus,<br>Thank you for taking away our sin.<br>You are risen, indeed.<br>Thank you for the Bible.<br>Thank you for loving us.<br>We love you. Amen |

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