



I Will Seek Answers When I Have Doubts!

From Good News
Lesson 6

LEADERSHIP TRAIT - PRIORITIES

Great leaders overcome doubt by seeking answers to their questions.

LEADERSHIP LESSON

Your children will learn that when we have doubts, we should overcome our doubts by seeking answers to our questions and choosing to have faith.

LEADERSHIP STORY

Thomas experiences doubt -
John 20:19-29

WHAT DO I DO?

Have your children watch the Leadership Video, *I Will Seek Answers When I Have Doubts*.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THIS LESSON

- Have your children read the Leadership Story, found in John 20:19-29.
- Have your children complete the Leadership Questions.
- Watch the Leadership Video as a family.
- Do the Optional Family Activity.

OPTIONAL FAMILY ACTIVITY: BELIEVE WITHOUT SEEING

Trust fall: Have a parent stand behind the child and catch the child when he or she falls. Have the child fall backwards, keeping his or her body stiff and straight. Talk about how you have to believe that your parent will catch you even though you can't see him or her.

Gravity Drop: Stand on a chair and drop a few items. Talk about how gravity is an invisible force that exists and pulls everything to the ground. We can't see gravity, but we believe it exists.

As in the examples above, there are many things we believe in, even though we can't see them. We can believe in God as well, even though we can't see Him. However, there are times when we will have doubts or questions. When we do, we can search the Bible for answers and pray to God about our doubts. Remind your children that when they have doubts, they can also come to you and to their pastors for help.

MEMORY VERSE:

Help your child memorize this verse.

"Then Jesus told him, 'You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me'"

John 20:29 (NLT)



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Main Point: I Will Seek Answers When I Have Doubts!

Read the Leadership Story about Thomas experiencing doubt in John 20:19-29. When you are finished, watch the Leadership Video. Then, read the items below and write your responses in the space provided.

1. What does it mean to doubt something?

2. In the Bible Lesson, why was it a difficult time for the disciples? Circle all the answers that apply.
 - A. They couldn't find jobs.
 - B. Their Lord and master, Jesus, had been arrested and put on trial.
 - C. Jesus had died on a cross and was buried in a tomb.
 - D. The disciples had no food.

3. When the disciples gathered together one evening, why did they lock all the doors?

4. What incredible thing happened while the disciples were in the room?

5. Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the Word Bank.
Word Bank: Amazed, angry, hair, hands, coat, side.
The disciples were _____ as Jesus spoke to them and showed them the wounds in
His _____ and his _____.



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6. True or false? Jesus was alive.

7. Which disciple wasn't in the room when Jesus appeared?

8. What did Thomas say that he needed to see in order to believe that Jesus was alive?
Circle the correct answer.
A. The nail wounds in Jesus' hands.
B. The Bible.
C. The ark.

9. Later, when the disciples were together again in a locked room, Jesus suddenly appeared again. What did He say to Thomas? Circle the correct answer.
A. Peace be with you. Put your finger here and look at my hands. Don't be faithless any longer, believe.
B. Go away, because you did not believe like the others.
C. Go feed my sheep.
D. Do you want to be king?

10. Fill in the blanks using the correct words from the Word Bank.
Word Bank: King, Alive, heard, seen, believed, doubted, caught, fishing.
Thomas finally believed that Jesus was _____. Jesus told Thomas that he believed because he had _____ Jesus. Blessed were those who _____ without seeing Him.



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11. Will Jesus be mad at us for having doubts?
12. Jesus loved Thomas and He loves you. Jesus wants us to feel great about believing in Him, and He wants to help us when we have doubts. What should we do when we have doubts? Circle the answers that apply.
- A. Ignore them.
 - B. Pray to God about them.
 - C. Talk to our parents and pastor.
 - D. Spend time reading the Bible.

What are some questions or doubts that you have? Begin seeking answers today by praying about them, talking to your parents and pastors, and looking in the Bible for answers.

Memory Verse: Ask your parents to help you memorize this verse.

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Answer Key

Main Point: I Will Seek Answers When I Have Doubts!

1. You are not sure if something is true or if you should believe it
2. B, C
3. They were afraid soldiers might come and kill them like they killed Jesus
4. Jesus suddenly appeared in the room
5. Amazed, hands, side
6. True
7. Thomas
8. A
9. A
10. Alive, seen, believed
11. No
12. B, C, D