



## BIBLE DIG – JESUS APPEARS TO THOMAS

### Directions:

- Set up your own sensory bin for your child.
  - Fill up a plastic bin or bowl with dried rice, beans, etc.
- Bury the following items in your bin that will be used to help tell the Bible story.
  - Bible
  - Cross
  - Hands

*Note: If you do not have these items, you may draw it on a piece of paper to use.*

- Have shovels, spoons, or plastic Easter eggs to use as digging tools.
- Read the script below and have fun digging up treasures about today's Bible story with your child.

### Intro to Bible Dig

#### WHAT I SAY

We are going to work together to see what we can learn and remember from the Bible story about Jesus.

We are going to do this by digging up some “artifacts” that tell us about the Bible story. Are you ready? Let's dig, dig, dig it up!

### Dig Site ITEMS

#### WHAT I SAY

**Draw attention to the Bible.**

Alright it's time to see what you found on your dig! Look at what you found. Do you see a special book?

You are right! You see, this book is a **Bible** and it is very special. It is God's special book for us and tells us true stories about people and places from a long time ago. Our story today comes straight from the Bible. Now, our Bible story today is about Jesus and one of Jesus' disciples named, Thomas.

At the time of this Bible story, Jesus had just done something because He loves us all so much. Do you see something that tells us what Jesus did?

**Draw attention to the cross.**

Yes! This **cross** reminds us that Jesus had died on a cross. But that's not how the Easter story ended!

After Jesus died on the cross, He was buried in a tomb, and 3 days later, Jesus' tomb was found empty. He was alive!

Jesus showed up to His friends, the disciples. But there was one friend who wasn't there when they got to see Jesus. It was the disciple, Thomas.

Thomas was sad that he didn't get to see his friend, Jesus. And you know what else? Thomas wasn't sure that he could believe that Jesus was alive. Thomas said he needed proof. That means he wanted to see for himself something that showed him Jesus really was alive. Do you see these hands you found?

**Draw attention to the hands.**

These **hands** remind us of Jesus on the cross, too. And it tells us the proof Thomas wanted. He wanted to touch Jesus' hands and feet.

Remember, when the soldiers put Jesus on the cross, they used one nail in each of Jesus' hands. Thomas said, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in His hands and put my finger into them."

Finally Thomas got a chance to see Jesus! And he saw the proof he asked for.

When Jesus saw Thomas, he said, "Put your finger here." And pointed to His hands. Thomas saw there was a hole in each hand!

**Draw attention to the Bible.**

Let's look at the **Bible** again. The Bible tells us that Jesus said something else to Thomas and the disciples when He was with them. He told them, "You believe because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing Me."

Hmmm. Do you think I have ever seen Jesus like Thomas and the other disciples did that day?

I haven't. But I still believe in Jesus. I can read about Him everyday in my Bible. I can pray and talk to Him. Jesus said we can believe in Him even when we don't see Him.

**Talk About It**

In this Bible story, we saw that Thomas wasn't sure if Jesus was really alive. But we know the truth. Jesus is alive! The Bible, the story of Easter, and the stories of people Jesus saw after, reminds us that God loves us so much and we can believe and trust in Jesus always.

1. Who missed out on seeing Jesus the first time?  
*Thomas.*
2. What proof did Thomas want to know that Jesus was alive?  
*He wanted to see the holes in Jesus' hands from where the soldiers nailed Him to the cross.*
3. Did Thomas get his proof and see Jesus?  
*Yes.*
4. When you're not sure, who can you always trust?  
*Jesus.*