

Questions Are Welcome Here

A 5-Day Easter Devotional for Kids

Did you know Easter isn't just one day? Easter is actually a whole 50-day celebration! And during this season, we get to learn from one of Jesus's closest friends — a man named Thomas — who had big questions and brought them straight to Jesus. This week, we'll discover that God loves us through every question, every doubt, and every wonder-filled "why?" You belong here, questions and all.

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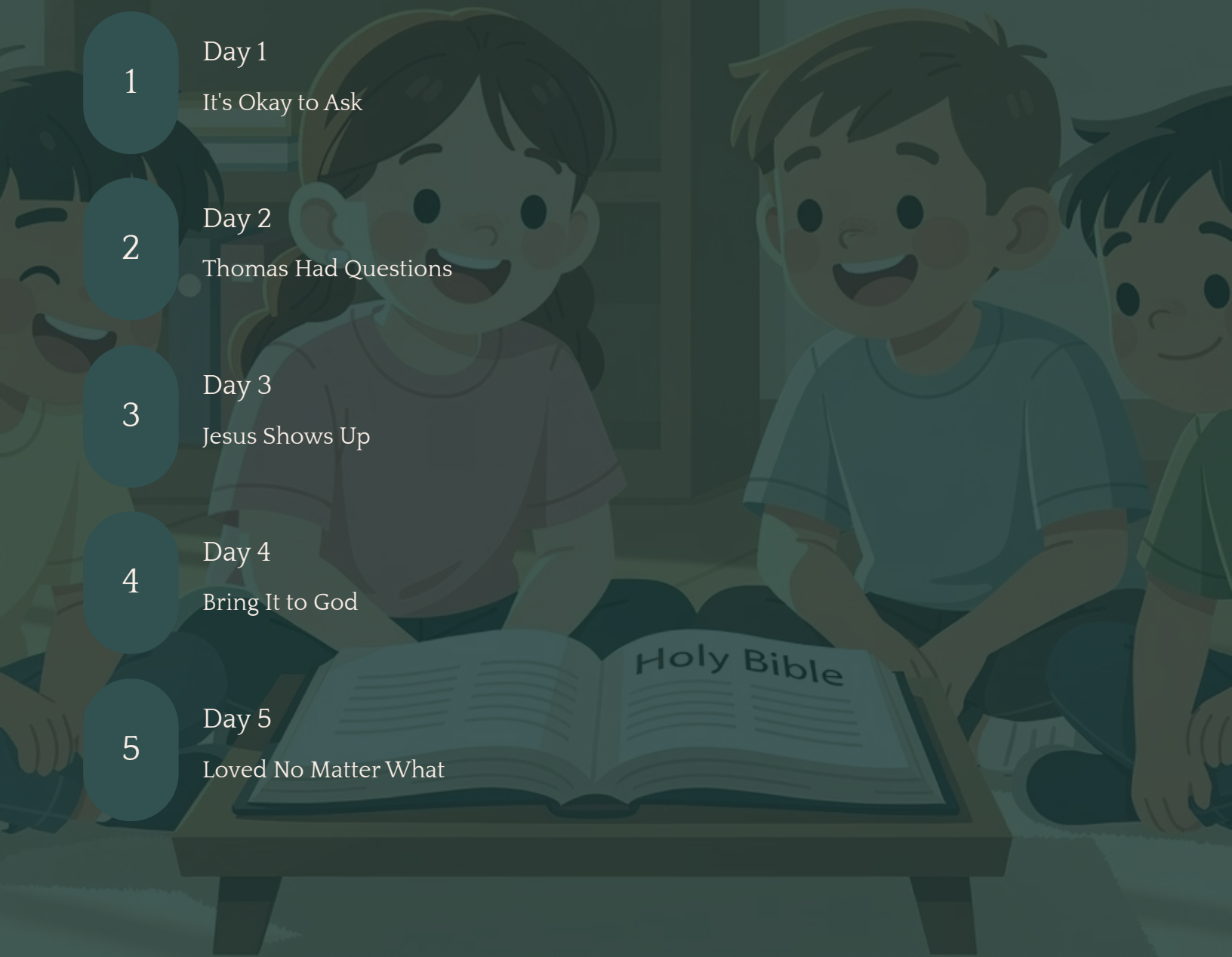
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It's Okay to Ask

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." — Matthew 7:7

Have you ever asked a question and felt like you didn't get a great answer? Maybe you asked where you were before you were born, or why your family had to move, or where exactly Jesus is right now if you can't see him. Those are really big, really good questions — and you are not alone in asking them!

Here's a wonderful secret: God is never annoyed by your questions. In fact, the whole Bible is full of people asking God hard things. Jesus himself told his followers to keep asking, keep seeking, and keep knocking. That means your curious heart is actually doing something really holy when it wonders and asks. Questions aren't a sign that something is wrong with your faith. They can actually be a sign that your faith is alive and growing!

Sometimes we don't get an answer right away. Sometimes the answer comes slowly, like a puzzle being put together one piece at a time. And sometimes we have to sit in the mystery for a while — and that's okay too. God is with you in the not-knowing just as much as in the knowing.



🤔 Reflection Questions

- What is one big question you have about life, God, or faith right now?
- How does it feel when you don't get the answer you were hoping for?
- Can you think of a time when an answer came to you slowly, not all at once?

🙏 Today's Prayer

Dear God, thank you for making me a person who asks questions. I know my wondering matters to you. Help me trust you even when I don't have all the answers yet. Remind me that you are with me in the mystery. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Thomas Had Questions

"Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came." — John 20:24

Imagine missing something really important. All your friends were there, and you weren't. That's exactly what happened to Thomas. Jesus appeared to his disciples after rising from the dead — but Thomas wasn't in the room. When his friends told him, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas struggled to believe it. He said he needed to see the proof with his own eyes before he could believe.

For a long time, people have called Thomas "Doubting Thomas," as if doubting was a bad thing. But let's think about this differently: Thomas was honest. He didn't pretend to believe something he wasn't sure about. He told his friends exactly what he was feeling. That takes courage! And here's the most important part — Thomas didn't give up and walk away. He stayed with his friends. He stayed close to Jesus's community, even while he had his doubts.

When we have doubts or questions, the bravest thing we can do is exactly what Thomas did: stay close. Stay in community. Keep showing up. Don't let doubt push you out the door. Let it pull you in deeper, asking and listening and waiting. You just might be surprised by what — or who — shows up.

Thomas's Honest Moment

He said out loud what he was really feeling — he needed to see to believe. Honesty with God is always welcome.

Thomas Stayed Close

Even with doubts, he didn't leave the community. Staying connected kept him ready for what came next.

Doubt Isn't the End

Thomas's story didn't stop at his doubt. The best part was still coming — and the same is true for you!

Reflection Questions

- Have you ever felt like Thomas — like everyone else seemed sure about something and you weren't?
- Why do you think Thomas stayed with his friends even when he had doubts?
- What does it mean to be honest with God about how you're really feeling?

Today's Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the story of Thomas. Help me be brave enough to be honest about my questions and doubts. When I'm not sure about things, remind me to stay close to you and to my community. You can handle my honesty. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Jesus Shows Up

"Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'" — John 20:29

Here comes the best part of Thomas's story. A week after the first appearance, Jesus came back — and this time, Thomas was right there in the room. Jesus didn't come back angry. He didn't scold Thomas for doubting. He didn't say, "I can't believe you didn't trust your friends." Instead, Jesus came directly to Thomas and said, "Here — see my hands. Touch them. Stop doubting and believe."

Jesus met Thomas exactly where he was. He showed up for the one who had questions. He came back for the one who wasn't sure. That is such a powerful picture of who Jesus is. No matter how much we wonder or worry or doubt, Jesus doesn't give up on us and walk away. He walks toward us. He finds us in our questions and meets us there with love and patience.

When Thomas saw Jesus, he cried out, "My Lord and my God!" — one of the most beautiful confessions in the whole Bible. His doubts didn't destroy his faith. In fact, they led him to one of the deepest moments of belief in the entire story. Your questions can do that too. They can lead you somewhere deeper, somewhere more real, somewhere closer to Jesus than you've ever been before.

Jesus Comes Back

Even after Thomas doubted, Jesus returned. He never stopped caring about Thomas — and he never stops caring about you.

Met With Grace

Jesus didn't shame Thomas. He offered grace, patience, and proof. God's first response to our doubts is always love.

Doubt Led to Belief

Thomas's biggest doubt became his greatest moment of faith. Don't be afraid of where your questions might take you!

Reflection Questions

- How do you think Thomas felt when Jesus walked into the room?
- What does it tell you about Jesus that he came back specifically for the one who had doubts?
- Can you think of a time when something difficult led you to something even better?

Today's Prayer

Dear Jesus, thank you for showing up for Thomas — and for showing up for me. Even when I have doubts, help me remember that you are always walking toward me, not away from me. You are my Lord and my God. In your name, Amen.

Bring It to God

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." — Philippians 4:6

One of the most important things we learn from Thomas is this: he brought his doubts and questions into the open. He didn't hide them. He didn't pretend everything was fine. He said out loud what was really going on inside of him. And because he was honest — because he brought his wondering right into the middle of the community — he was there when Jesus showed up.

God already knows what's in your heart. You can't surprise God with your doubts. And you definitely can't scare God away with your questions. The Bible tells us that in every situation — every single one — we can bring our requests and our worries and our wonderings to God in prayer.

Bringing things to God in prayer doesn't always mean you get an instant answer. But it does mean you're not carrying it alone anymore. There is something powerful about saying out loud to God, "I don't understand this. I need your help." It's an act of trust. It's an act of faith. It's saying, "God, I may not have it all figured out, but I believe you love me — and that's enough to start."

Name It

Identify your question or doubt honestly. You can even write it down. God can handle your most tangled thoughts.

Bring It

Take that question straight to God in prayer. Talk to God like you'd talk to someone who loves you — because you are!

Trust It

Leave the question in God's hands. You don't have to solve it today. Trust that God is working, even in the mystery.

Reflection Questions

- What is one question or worry you've been carrying around that you haven't shared with God yet?
- Why do you think it's sometimes hard to be honest about our doubts — even with God?
- How might your life feel different if you practiced bringing your worries to God every day?

Today's Prayer

Dear God, here I am, with all my questions. I'm not sure about everything, but I trust that you love me. Today I bring you my wondering and my worry. Help me not to carry it alone. Thank you for always having room for whatever I bring. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Loved No Matter What

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." – Romans 8:38–39

Here's the big, beautiful truth we've been building toward all week: **nothing can separate you from God's love.** Not your questions. Not your doubts. Not the things you don't understand. Not the times you felt like Thomas – left out, confused, unsure. Not one single thing can take God's love away from you. That is the Easter promise, and it is yours to keep forever.

Thomas's story ends in the most wonderful way. He went on to become one of the boldest messengers for Jesus in all of history. The man known for doubting became known for his deep, courageous faith. His questions didn't disqualify him – they deepened him. And that's what God wants for you too. God isn't waiting for you to get everything right before loving you. God loves you right now, questions and all, exactly as you are.

The resurrection of Jesus means every day is a little bit Easter. Every day is a day when love wins, when death doesn't have the last word, when Jesus shows up for the doubters and the wonderers and the brave little questioners. That means you. Happy Easter, friend. You are so loved.

You Are Loved

Nothing you question or doubt can ever take God's love away from you.

You Are Brave

Bringing your real questions to God takes courage – and God honors that courage.

You Are Growing

Every question and doubt you bring honestly to God, is making your faith deeper and stronger.

You Are Not Alone

Jesus walks toward the doubters. He will always walk toward you, too.

Reflection Questions

- What is the most important thing you learned this week from Thomas's story?
- How does knowing that nothing can separate you from God's love change the way you feel about your questions?
- How can you remind yourself – and maybe a friend – that questions are welcome with God?

Today's Prayer

Dear God, thank you for the gift of Jesus. Thank you for the questions of Thomas that remind us you always love us and you're always here for us. Help me carry the Easter joy all year long – knowing that I am loved, I am brave, and I am never alone. In Jesus's name, Amen.