

# God's Story Our Story™

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Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Resurrected Lord, you visit us again with the blessing of your peace. Endow us with your spirit and fortify us to go out in good cheer as your faithful witnesses, Amen.



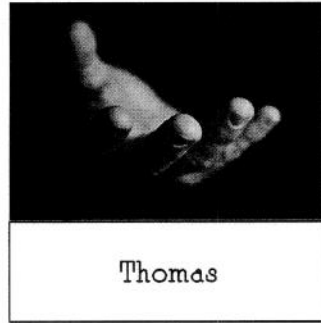
**Read:** Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

*<sup>27</sup>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."<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:27-28)*



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus is risen, yet most of the disciples have not yet seen him. Is Thomas really the only one who needs the proof his eyes give him?



Thomas



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Tell of a time you doubted something about your faith. Give yourself permission to doubt – doubt leads to wondering, which leads to an even deeper faith.

Wonder: What would you have done in Thomas' position?



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God grant you doubt and faith. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Take a long walk. (If you cannot take a long walk, find time to meditate.) Take with you a doubt or a challenge that has been haunting you. Work it over as you walk or meditate. Look at it from every angle. Consider all your options. Look at it from God's perspective. Ask God for guidance. See if you can come to greater clarity by the end of your walk or meditation.



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Sunday, John 20:19-31, Thomas

Monday, Acts 6:1-7, Seven Chosen to Serve

Tuesday, Acts 6:8-15, The Arrest of Stephen

Wednesday, Acts 7:1-22, Stephen's Speech to the Council

Thursday, Acts 7:23-43, Stephen's Speech to the Council

Friday, Acts 7:44-53, Stephen's Speech to the Council

Saturday, Acts 7:54-8:1, The Stoning of Stephen