

# CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #8

"DOUBT NO LONGER BUT BELIEVE"

(2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)



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## INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter. On the same day, the Church celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday.

## HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

## WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter.

## OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. You give us new life through Your Son, Jesus. Help us to believe and trust in him always. Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Peace, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



## **SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Invite someone to read John 20: 19-31. Then, as a family reflect on the questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding.

### Time of reflection and response:

- What are your main concerns/ anxieties in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic? Why do you feel this way?
- In the face of these concerns/anxieties, how would you describe your own relationship with Jesus at this moment.
- What do you feel the Lord is telling or showing you through the present circumstances?

The past year has been a time of great concern for many people. Although the Covid-19 situation may have improved, most of us are still anxious about the well-being of our loved ones, and for the welfare of our nation and the whole world. When will it really come to end? Will everything return to normal?

Thomas doubted because *he could not personally see the Risen Christ*. He wanted *proof* that Jesus had risen. We too may have our doubts and anxieties at this moment because we are unable to "see" what the future holds.

Jesus told Thomas: "Doubt no longer but believe". Today, Jesus assures us with the same words. God is merciful and compassionate. He understands our anxieties and assures us that He is with us, and has revealed His divine mercy to us. Let us trust Him at all times – even in the most difficult of circumstances.


## **FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES**

Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the first reading and the Gospel passage. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

**Activity #1: Find the words.**

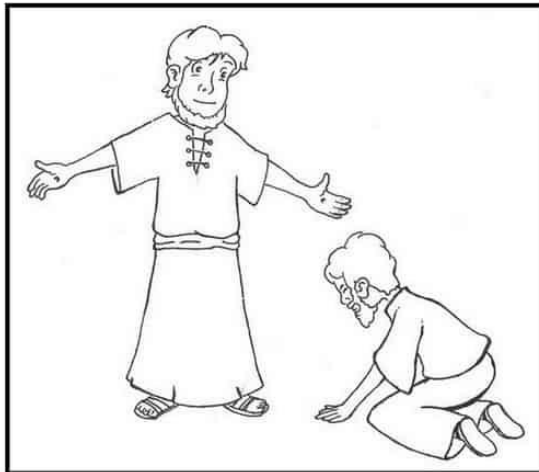
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WEEK      DOORS      CLOSED  
 FEAR      PEACE      HANDS  
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 FINGER      EIGHT      BELIEVE



**Activity #2: Find the difference.**

**CAN YOU SPOT THE DIFFERENCE?**



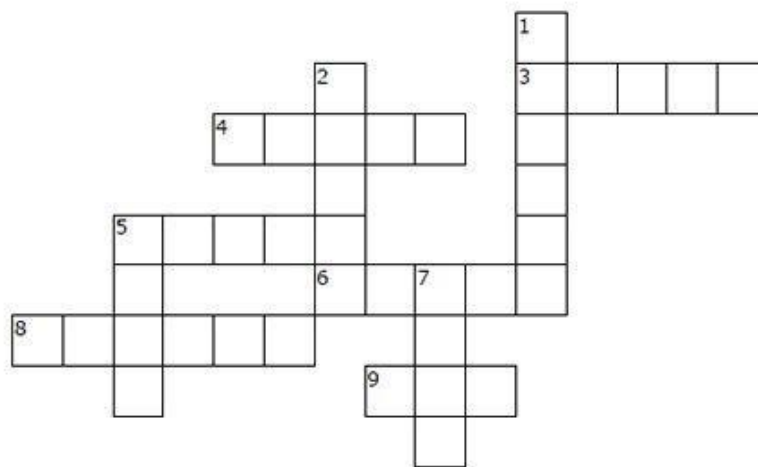
Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"  
 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me,  
 you have believed; blessed are those who have not  
 seen and yet have believed." John 20:28-29 NIV

Activity #3: Solve the puzzle.

## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31



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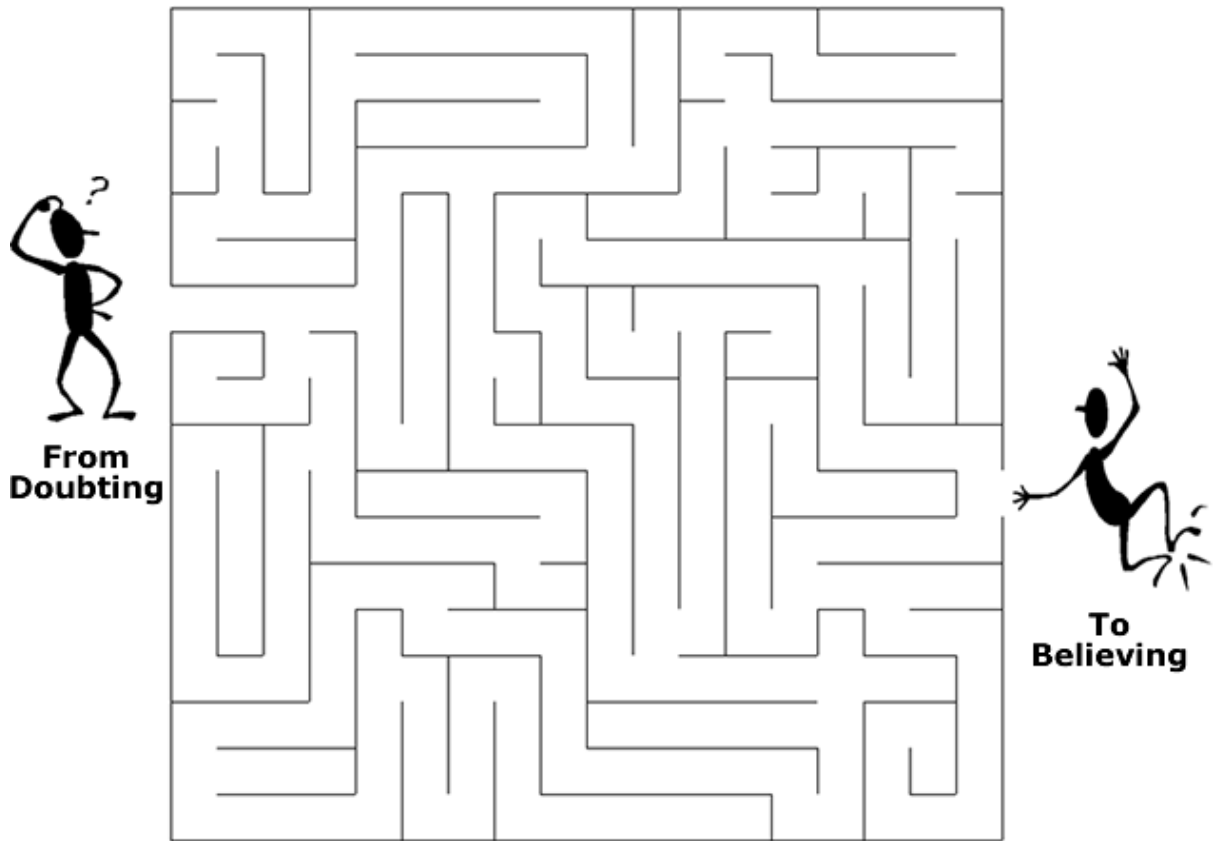
3. To be in a state of pleasure, satisfaction, joy or delight
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. To be undecided or unbelieving that something is true
6. The body parts at the end of the arms
8. Not open
9. To break God's law

### DOWN

1. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
2. To believe in something for which there is no proof
5. An entrance into a building or room
7. A thin piece of metal with one pointed end and one flat end which you hit with a hammer

PEACE	DOOR	HANDS	FAITH	HAPPY
NAIL	THOMAS	CLOSED	SIN	DOUBT

**Activity #4: Find the way from doubt to belief.**



**Activity #5: Unscramble the words.**



"Stop doubting and believe."  
John 20:27

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Activity #6: Find the words.

## Believe It or Not!

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." John 20:25

Based on John 20:19-31



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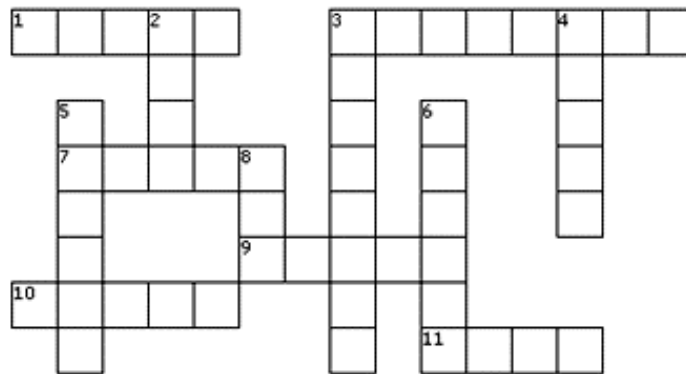
Activity #7: Solve the puzzle.

# "Stop doubting and believe!"

John 20:19-31



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**ACROSS**

1. To believe in something for which there is no proof
3. A follower of Jesus
7. The body parts at the end of the arms
9. A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
10. To be in a state of pleasure or delight
11. An entrance into a building or room

**DOWN**

2. One of two babies born at the same time
3. Unwilling to believe that something is true
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
6. Not open
8. Breaking a religious or moral law

**Words Used**

door	sin	Thomas	nails
closed	hands	happy	disciple
peace	doubting	faith	twin

Activity #8: Fill in the blanks.

## Jesus Appears to His Disciples

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, \_\_\_\_\_ came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Now \_\_\_\_\_, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the \_\_\_\_\_ marks in his hands and put my \_\_\_\_\_ where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not \_\_\_\_\_ it."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were \_\_\_\_\_, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:19-28 (NIV)

believe	finger	jesus	nail	side
doubting	hands	locked	seen	Thomas



**Activity #9 – Colour the picture of Jesus, the Divine Mercy.**



## Activity #10 – Hands of Mercy Art Craft

This activity will help children come up with ideas for works of mercy using their hands. The fingers represent the rays streaming from our Lord's merciful heart in the Divine Mercy image.

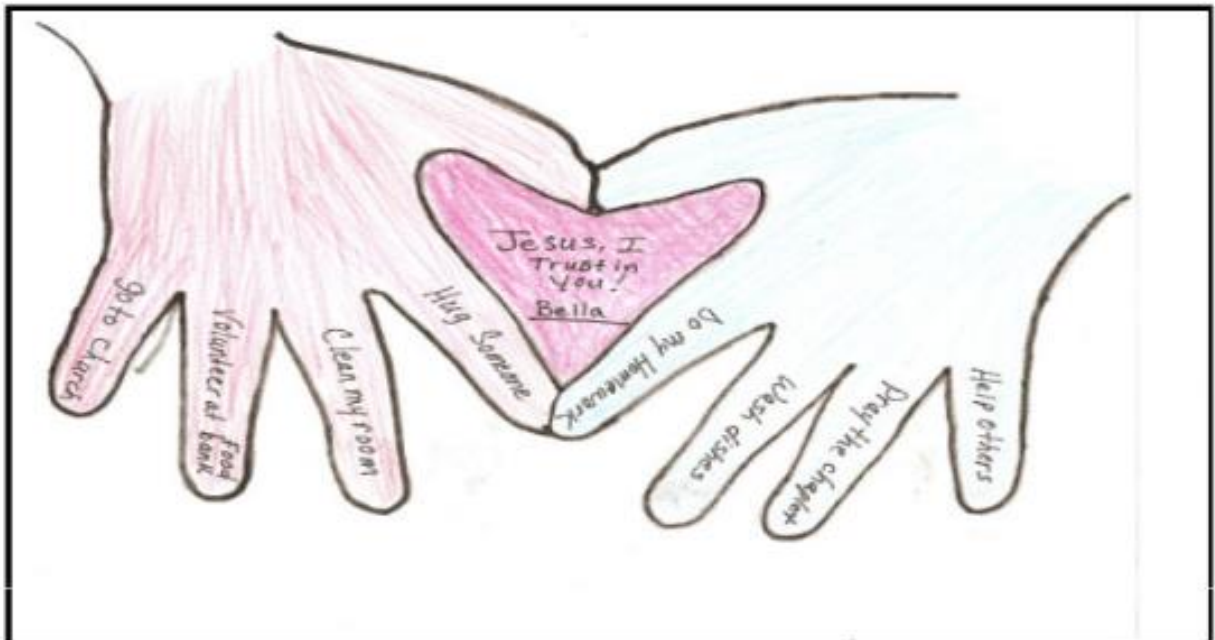
You will need:

- Plain white paper
- Marker pen
- Crayons or coloured pencils

Instructions:

1. Trace the child's hands with palms down on a paper with thumbs and index fingers touching and forming a heart shape. You may also use a template of traced hands.
2. Have your child write works of mercy that they are able to perform on each finger.
3. Colour the hands to represent the Blood and Water (may be red and blue) that are a symbol of the Divine Mercy image. Have your child write a message to Jesus and their name inside the heart.

Example:



[www.TheDivineMercy.org/MOMM](http://www.TheDivineMercy.org/MOMM)  
Hands of Mercy Craft

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