

Doubting Thomas

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his grieving disciples. But Thomas was not there.

When Thomas returned, the joyful, awestruck disciples told him, ‘We saw the Lord!’

But doubting Thomas said, ‘I will not believe it until I see the nail marks in his hands. And I will not believe until I put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side.’

A week later the disciples were in the house again. This time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked because they were afraid, but Jesus came in and stood among the worried disciples. He said, ‘Peace be with you!’

Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here. Look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side. Stop doubting and believe.’

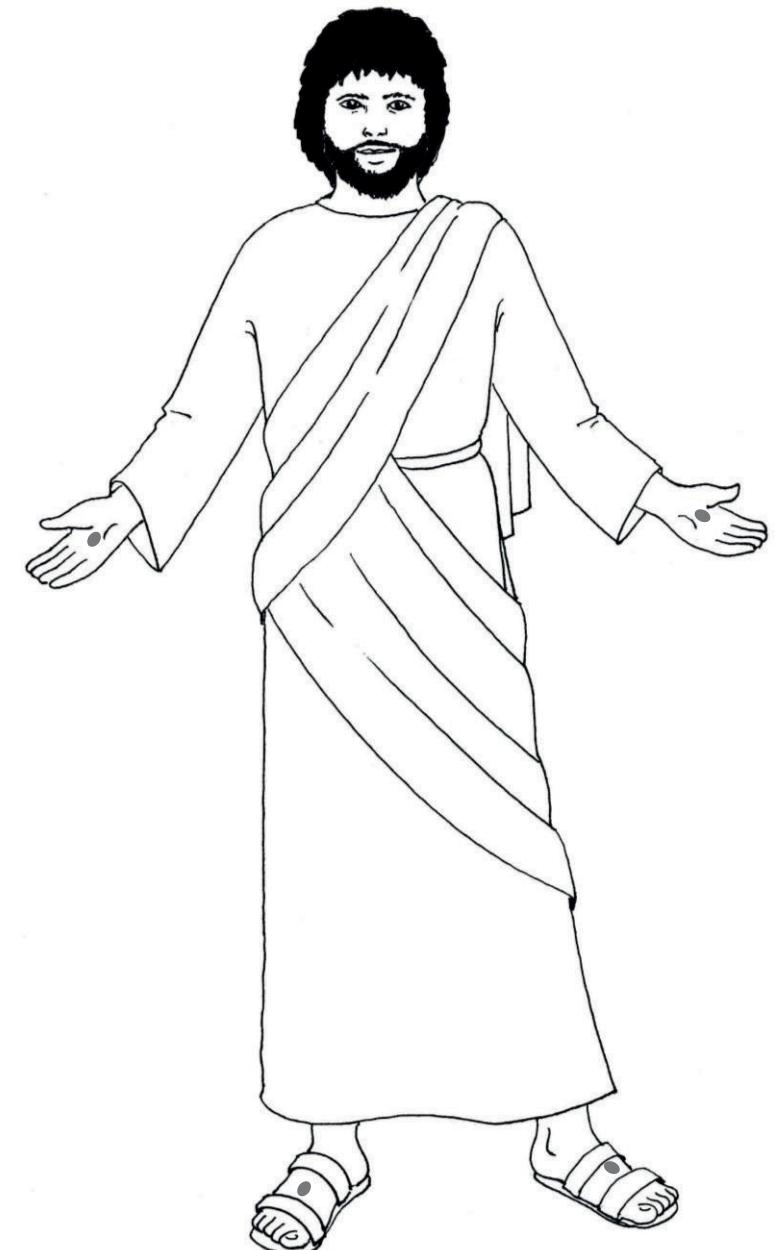
Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Then Jesus told him, ‘You believe because you see me. Those who believe without seeing me will be truly happy.’

Adapted from the Gospel of St John 20:24-29

An adjective is a word that describes a noun (the name of a thing or a place).

1. In the title **Doubting Thomas** which word is the noun and which is the adjective?

2. In the story find three more adjectives and write them here:
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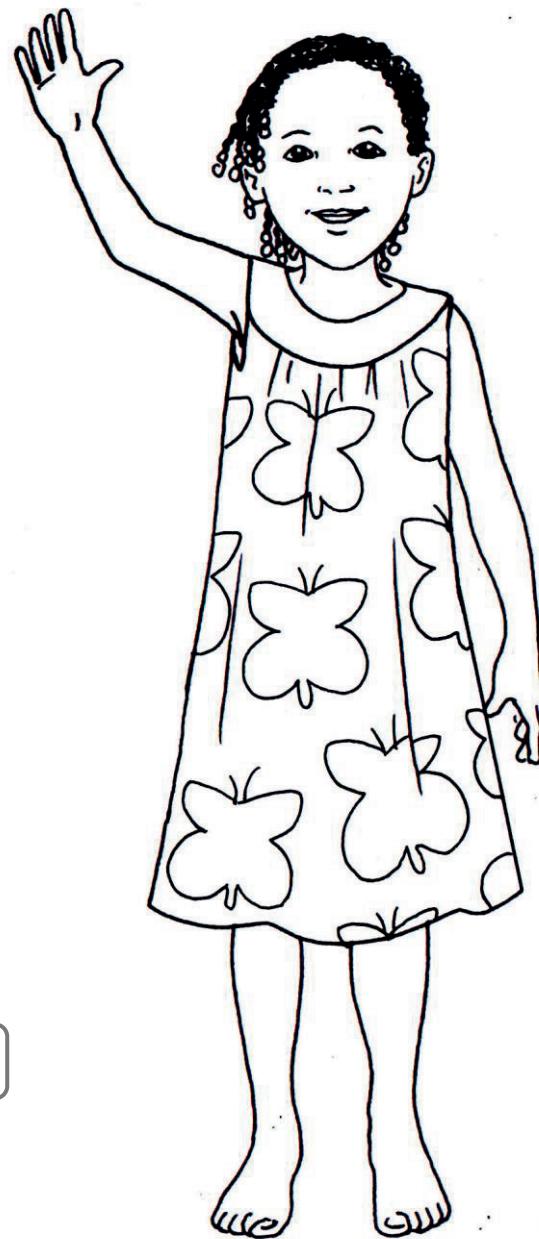


3. Below are some adjectives which describe how Thomas and the disciples reacted in the story, **Doubting Thomas**.

Draw a line to match up the words – in the grey boxes – with the new adjectives that could be used instead. The first one has been done for you.

Check your answers by replacing them with the words in the story.

grieving	disbelieving
joyful	heartbroken
awestruck	anxious
doubting	scared
afraid	delighted
worried	overwhelmed
happy	blessed



My name is Anna, I am five years old and I live in Zambia, which is a country in Africa. Last year my parents died. It was a very sad time and I was scared and anxious. But then something wonderful happened. I was brought to Nyumba Yanga orphanage. In Zambia, Nyumba Yanga means 'our home'.

When I first came to Nyumba Yanga I was nervous because I didn't know anyone, but the Religious Sisters who run the orphanage arranged a welcome party and all the girls at the orphanage came. I was so happy to be part of a family again.

We all live in little houses here. There are five houses with ten girls and one House Mother living in each one. The houses are given names like '**peace**', '**joy**' and '**care**'.

The names of the houses at Nyumba Yanga can be nouns and verbs. They can also become adjectives by adding three letters '**ful**'. Write the house names as adjectives here:

4.

5.

6.

Thanks to MissioTfal the children at Nyumba Yanga are loved and cared for. You can care for them too by praying the MissioTfal Prayer

May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love
Now and forever
Amen

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Me. You. Us. Together.
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Answers. 1. Doubting is the adjective, Thomas is the noun. 2. Any three of the following: grieving, joyful, awestruck, overwhelmed, doubting - disbelieving, afraid - scared, worried - anxious, happy - blessed. 4. Peaceful, 5 joyful 6 careful.