

# What's Happening in Sunday School?

All of today's readings concern believing. In the reading from Acts, Peter tells a crowd about the resurrection of Jesus. He emphasizes that the people listening can believe this because he and the other disciples witnessed it. In the reading from the first letter of Peter, Peter praises his readers for believing by faith in Jesus. They have not seen, but they love and believe in Jesus. In the last reading from John, we read the familiar story of "Doubting Thomas." Thomas is the flip side of the first two readings. He is part of the band of disciples, but refuses to believe the testimony they give about the risen Christ. He doesn't trust the word of witnesses nor does he choose to just believe it on faith. It is not until he is face to face with the risen Christ that he accepts the truth. Jesus sends both Peter and all us future believers a message about our faith. "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen me but still have believed." Those, like us, who believe by faith alone without the benefit of seeing the risen Christ, are blessed.

## Digging Deeper

Do you think "Doubting Thomas" gets a bad rap?  
Did the disciples believe when they first heard about the resurrection? (see Luke 24:1-11)  
Do we sometimes have moments of doubt?  
In what ways do we overcome our doubt?

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