

Family Small Group – April 19, 2020

Loving God, thank you for this new day. Thank you for your love and care for us. Thank you for making each of us special. Help us today to be kind to each other. *Amen.* (from *A New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*)

LOOK

A lot of people have a name and also a nickname. We sometimes call St. Timothy's St. Tim's. Tim is a nickname for Timothy. Other kinds of nicknames can be based on a person's personality, likes or appearance.

1. Do you have a nickname? Do you like your nickname?
2. How did you get your nickname?

BOOK John 20:19-31

NRSV link: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A19-31&version=NRSV>

NLT link: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A19-31&version=NLT>

Thomas has two nicknames. First he is known as The Twin and then later as Doubting Thomas.

1. How did he get the nickname Doubting Thomas? Do you think he would have liked that nickname? Why or why not?
2. Did Jesus get mad at Thomas for doubting?
3. What does Jesus tell Thomas once he shows Thomas proof?

TOOK

There's a saying that "seeing is believing." But while we don't actually see the wind, we believe it's there. We can't see Jesus but we believe he is there for us.

1. How do you see Jesus? How do you know he is there for you?
2. How can you help other people see Jesus?

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, God, to trust your love, to serve your purpose and to praise your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (from *A New Zealand Book of Common Prayer*)