

2nd Sunday of Easter – 4/19/20 – Feast of the Divine Mercy

This week our Gospel tells the story of two of Jesus' appearances to his disciples after the Resurrection. Thomas is not present when Jesus appears the first time, and needs the proof of seeing Jesus and touching his wounds in order to believe. When Thomas encounters Jesus at his second appearance, he makes a great profession of faith: "My Lord and my God." Jesus gives a special blessing to all later people who follow him (that's us!) – Blessed are they who have not seen yet believe in me!

John 20:19-31



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"Jesus is alive we saw him!"

Jesus' friends told Thomas.

"I won't believe you until I see Jesus



When the friends met the next week,
everyone was happy, except Thomas.

"How can anyone rise from the dead?" he argued.



Suddenly Jesus was standing
right there in the room,
even though the door was shut!



“Don’t be frightened,” Jesus said,

“It really is me.

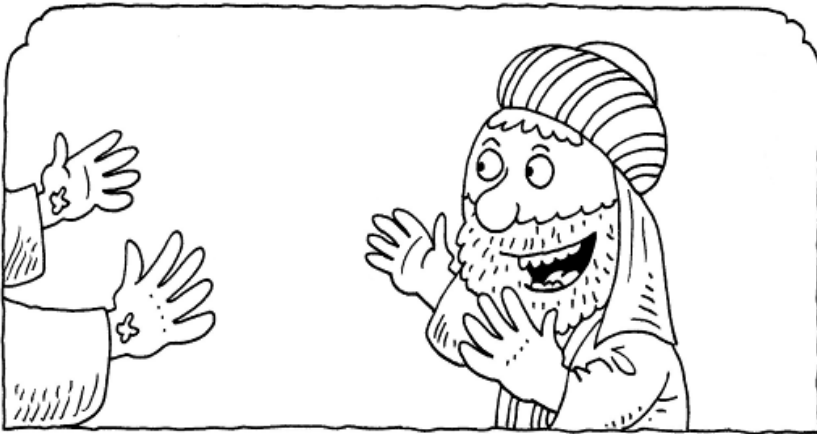
Thomas, touch my hands.



Then Thomas knew that Jesus HAD

risen from the dead.

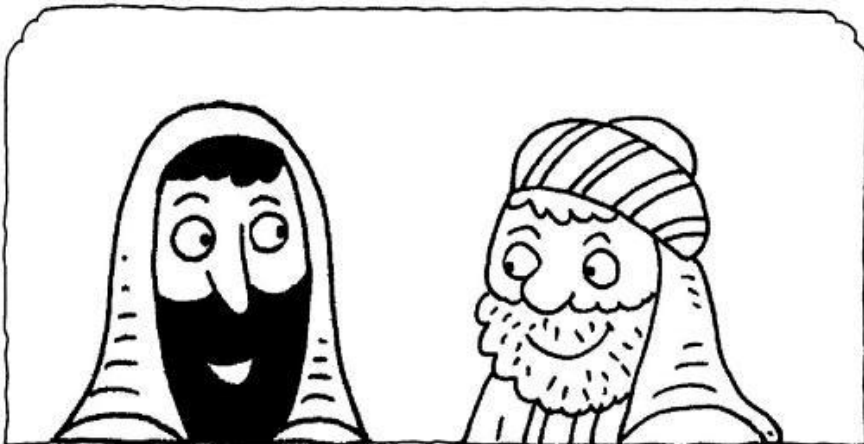
He believed because he saw Him.



“Thomas, you are glad now,” Jesus said,

“You believe I am alive

only because you have seen me.



In days to come,

God will bless the many people

who will believe in me,

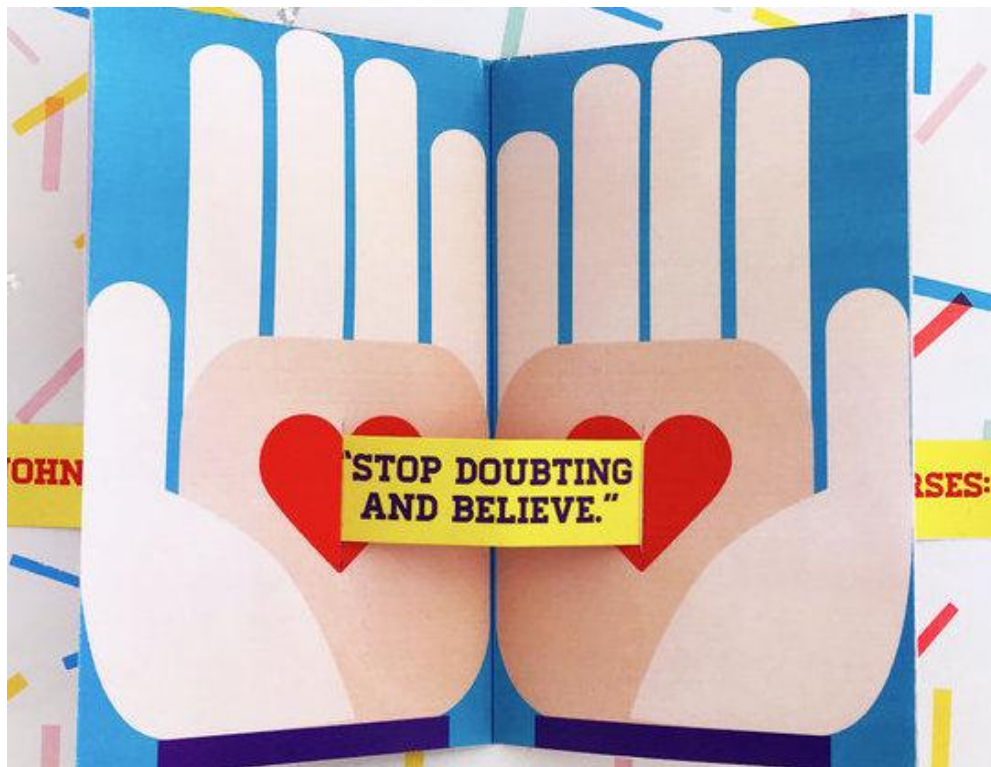
although they have never seen me.

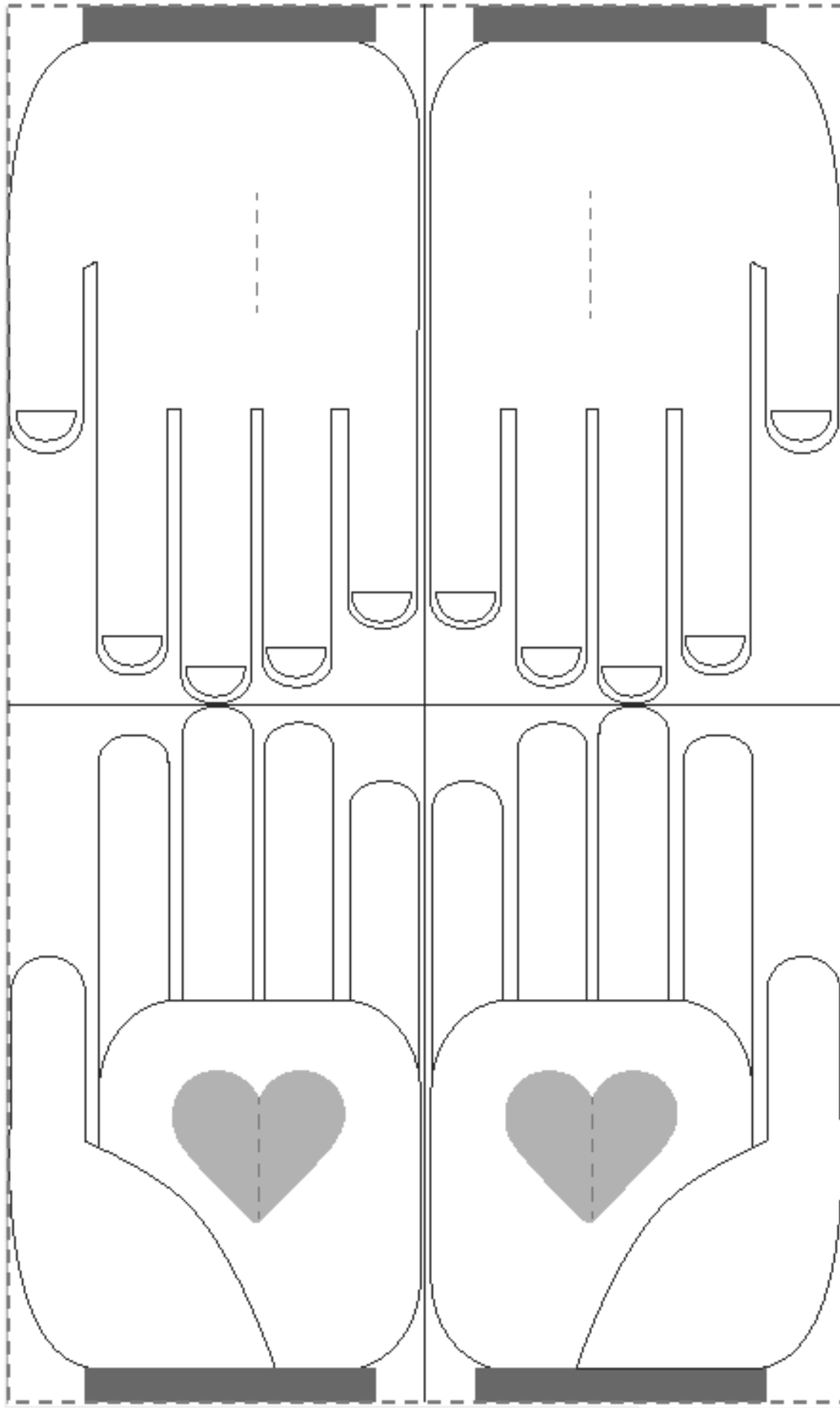
Prayer

Father, we thank you for the gift of faith in Jesus. Help us always to believe and to watch out for all the ways he shows his love for us even when we can't see him.

Activities

Here is a picture of the “Doubting Thomas” activity once it’s completed. The following page has the template. Just cut it and fold according to the directions. If you don’t have a printer, you can have your child trace out his/her hands and work with that instead.





JOHN 20

"STOP DOUBTING
AND BELIEVE."

VERSES: 24-29



CUT along the dotted lines to cut out the hands. Also be sure to cut the 4 slits inside the hands. Then cut out the yellow ribbon shape.



FOLD the page twice along the purple lines. You want to fold it to make the shape of a pop-up greeting card.



PUSH the sides of the ribbon through the hearts side first and make sure that they go through the other side of the hands.

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