

HILLSIDE STUDENTS

GREATER THAN | My Doubts

REMINDERS: Take *ATTENDANCE!* Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

LEADER TOOLS

GAME: 🤩🤩 *PLAY Sneeze Freeze!* Have everyone stand in a circle. One student starts by performing a fake sneeze in the most dramatic way possible. It can be loud, long, exaggerated, or even involve silly movements. The person to their right must then copy the sneeze exactly, including any gestures or sound effects. This continues around the circle until it reaches the original student. For competition, if you laugh, you're out! For extra fun, play multiple rounds where the first sneeze is done in different styles (e.g., "sneeze like a cat," "sneeze like you're in slow motion").

TOPIC OVERVIEW: Having questions as a Christian can be scary, but we know that questions are an opportunity for our faith in God to grow. Following the crucifixion of Jesus, the disciples were left with fear, worry, and doubt. After appearing to many, some who did not see the resurrected savior yet, like Thomas, were left doubting. Through Thomas' interaction with Christ, we see a picture of God's love – in spite of our doubts. So then, what do we do with our doubt? **Leaders** – share about a time in your life when asking questions through your doubts brought you closer to God!

ICE-BREAKERS:

- Would you rather: be a professional cowboy or a professional pirate?
- What is your favorite chore to do around the house?

MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- Read **John 20:24-29**. What stands out to you from this passage?
- What do you notice about Jesus' response to Thomas's questions? What is Thomas's reaction to seeing Jesus?
- How do you think Thomas' faith and trust in God changed after this?
- Read **Mark 9:23-24**. Was there ever a time in your life when you hoped something would happen, but you were not sure how?
- Does it surprise you that this man believed AND doubted at the same time? Have you ever felt that way?
- What does it look like to trust God, even if you don't have all the answers?
- Do you have a doubt or question that we could pray about before we leave?

DISCUSSION

Join us as we read the New Testament in 6 months!



READING PLAN