

# APRIL 19 DOUBTING THOMAS

## INCLUDED:

2 Masonry nails

1 Glue dot

1 Black cord

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## USE YOUR OWN:

Scissors



## JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

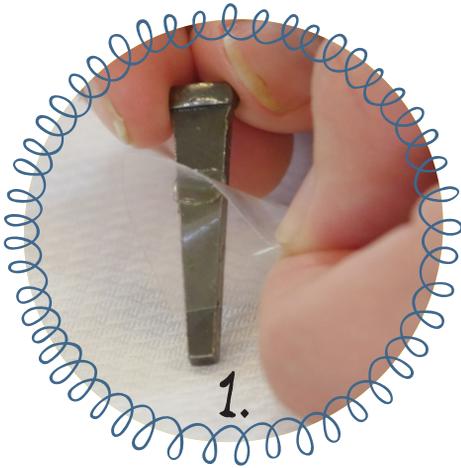
Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

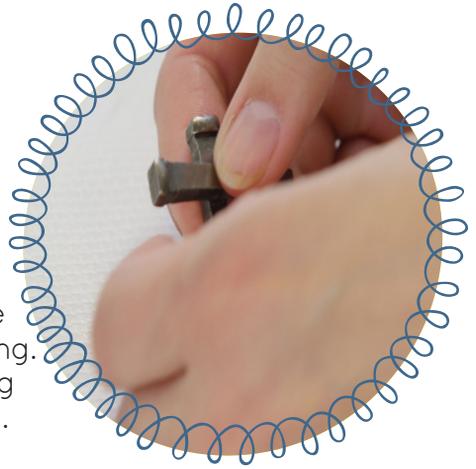
Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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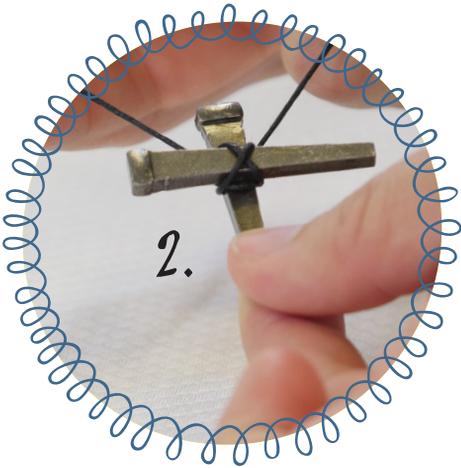
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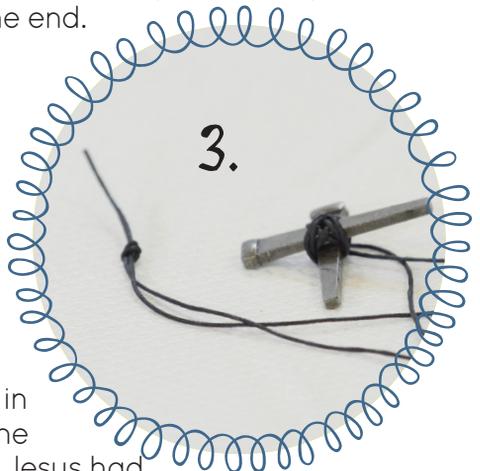
1. Use a glue dot to affix the two nails together in a cross. Nails like these, only larger, would have been used to nail Jesus to the Cross.



2. Fold the string in half. Place the nail cross in the center of the string. Tie the cross to the string, making several Xes over the center point. Tie a knot in the back.



3. Tie a knot at the end of the string the right length for a necklace for you. Cut any extra off the end.



Thomas wanted to see the marks in from the nails that held Jesus to the cross before he would believe the Jesus had truly resurrected from the dead. When Jesus appears to the disciples again, He tells Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." We made a necklace this week with smaller versions of nails that are similar to those that would have been used in the crucifixion to be something we can feel and touch and remind us that Jesus is ALIVE and our Lord who gives us eternal life!