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When you see a closed door, remember that even death couldn't shut Jesus out of our lives!



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When you hear someone say they don't believe something, remember that Jesus helped Thomas believe the truth about him. Jesus can help you believe, too!



### Talk About It

1. What is something you believe, even though you can't see it?
2. What are some things that Jesus helps you do?
3. Think about a special person in your life who helps you to know about Jesus. What does that person do to help others know Jesus?
4. Share a story about a time you were afraid, but you felt Jesus was with you. What happened to help you believe he was there?



### Live It

**For families to do together:** For dinner, set an extra table setting and leave a chair empty for Jesus. Verbally invite Jesus to dine with your family. While you eat, have each member of the family thank Jesus for something specific. Discuss how Jesus is always with us, and how we should always act as if he is nearby, even if we can't see him.

**For preschool kids:** Think of a person who is sick or sad. Color a picture of Jesus that you can give or mail to them. Have someone help you write, "Remember, Jesus is with you!" on the picture.



### Pray It

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