
CRISIS OF FAITH

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Memory Verse:

"Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

- Romans 10:9

One Big Thing:

We need faith to trust Jesus.

Review:

This week in Kidtown we started a new sermon series called Crisis of Faith. In this series we'll be looking at stories of people who encountered Jesus and had to choose if they would have faith and follow him or give way to their doubts. We taught that faith is trusting or believing in something or someone that you can't see. We can't see God and sometimes we have doubts, but Jesus gives us the ability to have faith. We learned about Mary Magdalene - one of Jesus' close friends - and Thomas - one of his disciples - who both had experiences with Jesus after he was resurrected. Before they saw Jesus had risen from the grave, they both had lots of questions and doubts, but Jesus graciously answered them. When we have doubts, Jesus helps us to have faith and trust in him. (John 20:1-29)

Good Questions to Ask:

1. **Q:** What is faith?

A: Faith is trusting or believing in something or someone that you can't see. We can't see God with our eyes, but we can still trust and believe that he is real.

2. **Q:** Is it okay to have questions about God?

A: It is definitely okay to have questions! Mary and Thomas both had questions and doubts, but Jesus didn't get angry with them. He helped them, and he will do the same for us. When we have questions, God wants us to bring them to him. He loves us, and he wants us to have faith.

3. **Q:** How do we bring our doubts to God?

A: We bring our doubts to God by going to him in prayer. Prayer is how we talk to God. When we have questions and doubts, we can tell him that we don't understand and that we need his help. He wants to help us trust him.

Pray together as a family:

"Father, thank you that when we questions, we don't have to be afraid to bring them to you. You don't respond in anger; you graciously and lovingly help us to have faith. When we doubt you, help us to approach your throne of grace with our questions and strengthen us to have faith. Amen."



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