



## FACT SHEET NAILS

**John 20:24-26**

### **Read It:**

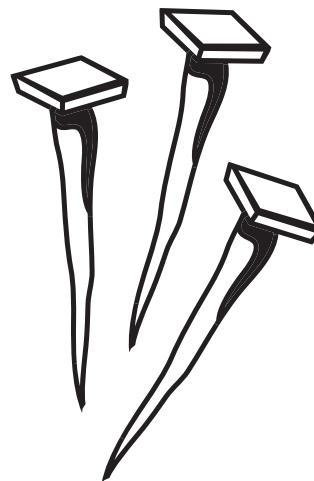
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### **Talk It:**

What proof do you need to believe?

### **Know it:**

Jesus died by one of the worst possible means that a criminal could be killed in those days. Nails were used to hold Jesus on the cross. One went through each hand or wrist and another went through His feet. It was a horrible way to die, and after someone was crucified, that was the end of them. So when the disciples saw Jesus again, alive, they were amazed! They began to tell everyone they met that Jesus was alive. Everything He had told them was true. He was the Son of God, and He could offer salvation and eternal life. However, one of the disciples was not there when Jesus first appeared to His followers. His name was Thomas. He is often called "Doubting Thomas" because he didn't believe them. He said, "I will not believe until I touch the nail prints in Jesus hands and I place my hand in His side."



Thomas needed proof. When Jesus showed up, he said to Thomas, "Touch my hands and side, and believe." Then Jesus had a message for us today, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Jesus was talking about you and me! We have not seen Jesus in person, and yet we believe. When we believe what we have not seen, it is called faith. (Hebrews 11:1)

### **Go Do It:**

It is not easy to believe in something you cannot see. When you are told something, do you need proof? Jesus will provide the proof you need; all you need to do is ask and believe.