

# Don't Doubt the Truth: A Story about Thomas

This play is designed to be in modern day and easy to stage. It takes the character of Thomas and connects it in more modern terms when it comes to truth and doubt. This is one of three skits that take the same approach to Bible verses. You may want to have a costume for the character of Thomas

## CHARACTERS

MADELYN- Wants to convince Caden that everything is debatable.

CADEN- Not buying Madelyn's theory.

THOMAS- Jesus' disciple.

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*(MADELYN and CADEN are in the performing space)*

MADELYN: I'm telling you, Caden, everything's a debate if you make it one.

CADEN: That's not true! Some things are hardcore facts.

MADELYN: That's debatable.

CADEN: No, it's not!

MADELYN: Yes, it is!

CADEN: No!

MADELYN: Yes!

CADEN: No!

MADELYN: What are we doing right now? Debating it.

CADEN: Bad example. I'm telling you, some things are absolutely true!

MADELYN: Oh yeah? I got a debate for you: Pumpkins aren't real.

CADEN: You're joking.

MADELYN: Prove it! Prove it to me right now pumpkins are real!

CADEN: I mean I don't have a pumpkin with me-

MADELYN: You're already at a disadvantage and I'm already winning.

CADEN: What about pumpkin pie, hm? That's your favorite food!

MADELYN: There are also blue raspberry flavored things, and there is no such thing as a blue raspberry in reality.

CADEN: *(Pulls out cell phone and starts to play on it.)* This is ridiculous, you want a pumpkin, I'll show you a pumpkin-

MADELYN: *(Pulls out her own phone and plays on it.)* I see your game- *(CADEN and MADELYN show each other their phones at the same time.)*

CADEN: See! A picture of a REAL pumpkin! *(Confused.)* Wait, why are you showing me a picture of a unicorn?

MADELYN: You want to show me a fantasy item, I'll show you one right back. You can find anything on the internet.

CADEN: *(Frustrated.)* Agh!

MADELYN: Face it, Caden: Everything is debatable, and there's nothing that is absolute.

THOMAS: *(Entering.)* Sounds like someone is full of doubt.

CADEN: Who are you?

THOMAS: I'm one of Jesus' disciples, Thomas.

CADEN: Like Doubting Thomas?

THOMAS: *(Embarrassed.)* Man, you ask for evidence ONE TIME and it's your nickname forever! It's not the best thing to go down in history for.

MADELYN: Wait, what's going on?

THOMAS: Madelyn, you're arguing that you can debate everything, because of either lack of proof or how things are perceived differently from others' point of view.

MADELYN: Exactly, how can we know anything for absolutely certain or be sure there is one right point of view? Who am I to tell Caden he sees something wrong?

CADEN: *(Angry.)* You just did! With the existence of pumpkins!

MADELYN: That was just to prove a point.

THOMAS: I know at least one that that is VERY real, forever and always.

MADELYN: What?

THOMAS: God.

MADELYN: You can't prove the existence of God to me, can you? Plus, people have been arguing and doubting the existence of God for thousands of years.

THOMAS: Well, maybe it helps to hear my story. I followed Jesus for years. I heard His teachings and saw His miracles. I even heard Him say He was going to die and rise to redeem God's people. But when it happened, it was just so impossible. Then Jesus appeared to the disciples and everyone saw Him alive again but me. I just couldn't believe it. I mean He DIED! Jesus was dead and buried and we were terrified. But the thing is, Jesus didn't stay that way. He rose, but I doubted. I couldn't believe it was true.

MADELYN: Yeah, that's great Tom, but what does that have to do with us?

THOMAS: When Jesus did come to me, I was so embarrassed that I ever doubted. I knew Jesus was my Lord and Savior. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Seeing isn't believing. We believe because we are given the gift of faith.

CADEN: In Hebrews 11 it says faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. God gives us faith to believe in Him even when we can't physically see or touch Him. Even when people debate or we doubt, God gives us saving faith.

THOMAS: There are many ways the world, the devil, and even our own minds want to convince us that nothings is true, and everything is debatable. If you only believe in what you see, you could do something as silly as convincing people pumpkins aren't real.

CADEN: *(To MADELYN, with attitude.)* See?

THOMAS: God is real. He's as real as it gets, and He created everything that is real. Jesus once said, "I am the Way the Truth and the Life." because He is our eternal salvation. You need to have faith in something you cannot see.

MADELYN: I just can't wrap my mind around...God.

THOMAS: I can't either. And I'm glad for it. God is all powerful, all seeing, so complex that I, a mere human, could never fully comprehend the awesomeness of my creator. I like that there's someone out there bigger than me. It's comforting.

MADELYN: Well, when you put it like that...

THOMAS: Do yourself a favor, Madelyn, and hold tight to the gift of faith in Jesus instead of making everything a debate. Hang on to what is true, not just what you see.