

Doubting Thomas

The disciples were hiding in a house the night Jesus rose from the dead. They were afraid. Bam! They locked all the doors. Jesus came and stood by them.

“Peace be with you,” he said. The disciples looked up in surprise! Jesus showed them his hands and his side so that they would know it was him. The disciples were very happy! Again, Jesus said

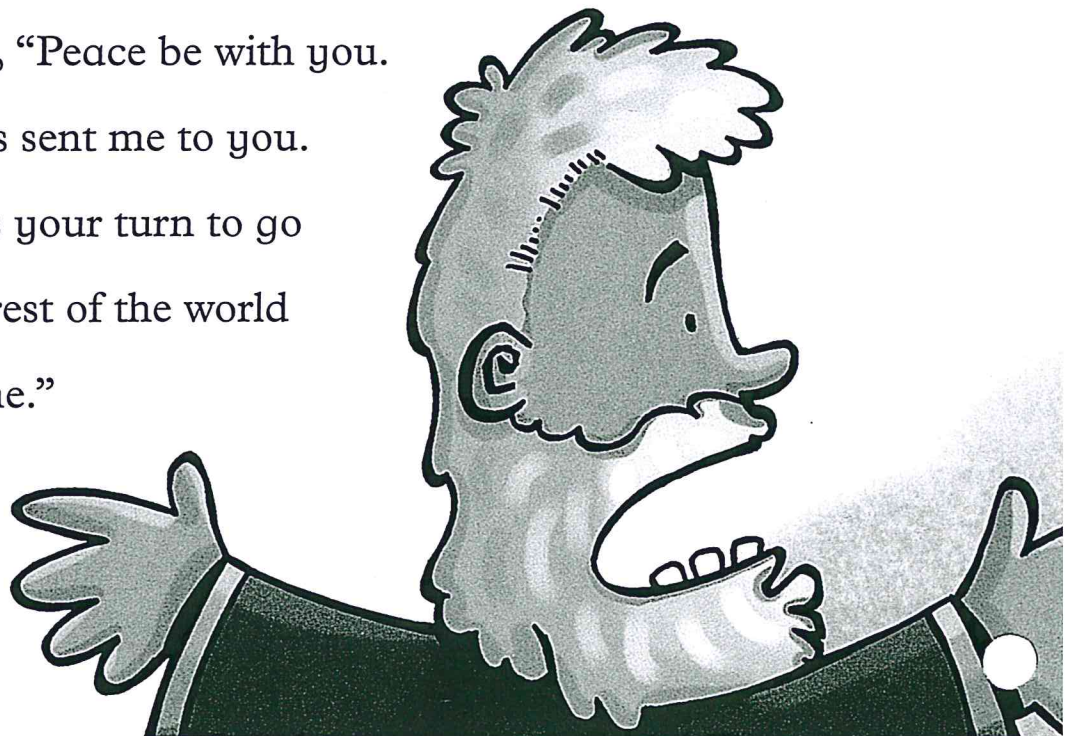
to them, “Peace be with you.

God has sent me to you.

Now it’s your turn to go

tell the rest of the world

about me.”



Jesus breathed on them in a very special way. He said, "With this breath, I will always be in your hearts, even when I am in heaven. You now have the power to do the things I've asked you to do."

Thomas was the only disciple not there that night. When he got back, the others excitedly told him about Jesus' visit.

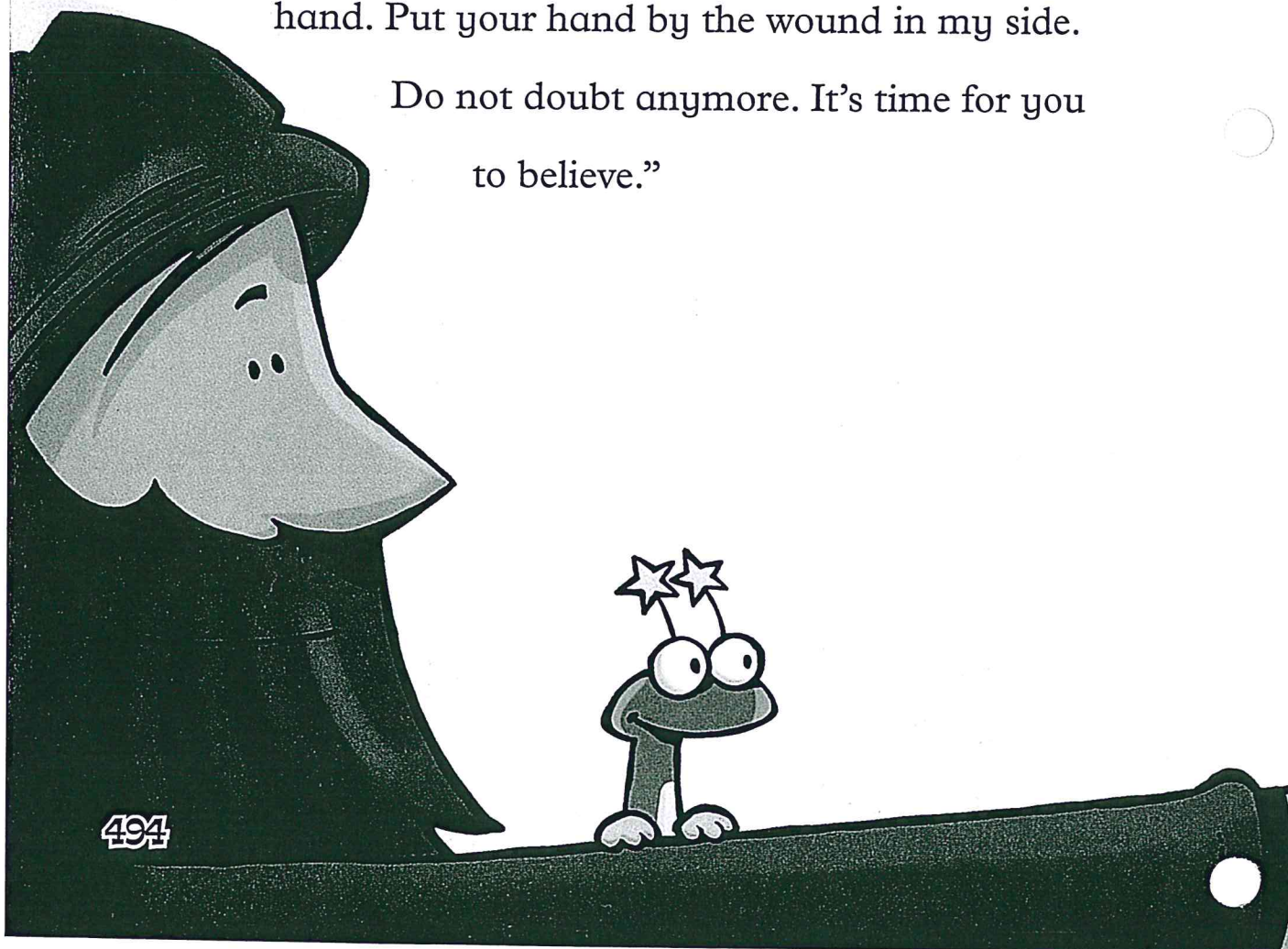


“I don’t believe you!” Thomas said. “I’ll believe when I can touch Jesus’ wounds.”

A week later, Thomas and the other disciples were in the same house. Jesus came again and stood with them. “Peace be with you,” he said to them.

“Thomas,” Jesus commanded. “Come here! Give me your hands. Put your finger on the wounds in my hand. Put your hand by the wound in my side.

Do not doubt anymore. It’s time for you to believe.”



Thomas' eyes popped. "My Lord and my God!"
he exclaimed.

Jesus answered him, "You believe because I'm here
with you and you've touched me. Think of those who
have not seen me, but believe in me anyway. You should
believe, even when you cannot see it
for yourself."



**Act out the story of a time
when you were afraid, but
you felt Jesus was with you.**

