

Wild Card Extra - **Doubting Thomas**

Grades 1–2

Scripture Reference: John 20:19–31

Boomerang Return

Kids decorate boomerangs to remember Jesus' return as they remember, "No eyes needed—we believe!"

Spark Resources:

- Boomerang PDF
- Light cardboard material (poster board, cereal box, etc.)
- Scissors
- Markers
- Stickers

Set Up:

Print one copy of the Boomerang PDF per kid. Clear a space in the classroom where kids can practice throwing their boomerangs.

Instructions:

Against all odds, Jesus came back to visit his disciples in the Bible story this week. Not everyone believed it could happen, but Jesus came anyway. Boomerangs are a type of toy that come back every time you toss them. Let's make our own pretend boomerangs to help us remember that Jesus really did return.

1. Have kids trace and cut the boomerang pattern onto their cardboard to make a sturdy boomerang for tossing.
2. Have kids follow the template instructions to bend the edges of their boomerang slightly (don't fold too much or the boomerang will not fly).
3. Let kids use stickers and markers to make their boomerangs unique.
4. Allow kids to practice throwing their boomerangs.

Boomerangs are special because, when thrown correctly, they always come back. Jesus came back too! Whether we can see him or not, we know it's true. No eyes needed—we believe!

If you have less time. . .

Prepare a few boomerangs prior to class time, or pick up plastic boomerangs from a store. Invite kids to practice throwing the boomerangs in your classroom.

If you have more time. . .

Talk with kids about their boomerang experience. What was frustrating? What worked well?