

# BIG DADDY WEAVE


**Artist:**

BIG DADDY WEAVE

**Album Title & Record Company:**

 FIELDS OF GRACE  
FERVENT RECORDS

**Song:**

COMPLETELY FREE

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## Theme

Freedom

## Objective

To understand the price paid for freedom – and Thomas' example to us.

## Warm Up

Blindfold, then pair off all of your students (or as many as feasible if you have a large group.) From this point please encourage silence – it won't work if people are talking. Now they must discover everything they can about their partner's hands. Next mix them up again, either with sponsor help or by removing blindfolds and moving about. Then they must rediscover their original partner by checking out each other's hands. Have a prize for the first partners to discover one another.

## Warm Up (2)

Divide your students into four teams. Give each team sheets of colored labeling dots, pre-numbered in advance like a dot-to-dot book, and ask the students to put the dots somewhere on their person. Give a leader a ball of yarn and the first team to connect the dots wins.

## Transition

Look around the room, and comment on where the dots got placed on their persons. Hint: you are looking for a dot placed on their hand or wrist – like nail pierced hands.

## Music

Play the song "Completely Free" from Big Daddy Weave.

## Bible Lesson

Refer students to the Student Guide to write an answer to the first question, "What do you know about the disciple, Thomas?" Then ask for a volunteer to read [John 20:24-31](#) aloud for the group. Review what happens in the story. Jesus has experienced a horrible death by crucifixion – but – He has risen! Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, then to the disciples (minus Thomas), then again to the disciples with Thomas. Pause here and point out how many students placed the dots on their hands (wrist?) and imagine Christ's hands. Now back to Thomas. On the Student Guide, respond to the following: How did Thomas react to HEARING about Christ's return? How did Thomas react SEEING Christ?

Have students look up the following verses, guide them through the three main points regarding Thomas, then have them write the three points in their Student Guides and explain:

### 1. Thomas was wrong.

[John 20:24](#) – Thomas was not with the disciples. People tend to grieve in different ways, and that is okay. But Thomas withdrew from his Christian fellowship. And that was his mistake. When things go wrong – make sure you turn towards your Christian friends and not away.

### 2. Thomas was right.

[John 20:25](#) – Thomas refused to believe on their word alone. The world wants you to believe everything contrary to Christ, and you must stand your ground like Thomas did and not just go along with a crowd.

But through prayer, the reading of Scripture, and Christian friends you can come to an understanding about Jesus Christ and God will reveal Himself to you.

### 3. You should be like Thomas.

[John 20:28](#) –When Thomas saw Jesus, he made a personal discovery of who Christ was and cried out, "My Lord and my God!" With those words he was demonstrating faith and commitment. When you recognize who Jesus is – you need to make a commitment!

## Closing

There are large spikes (6-8 inches) you can purchase from any hardware store. If you will place them in the refrigerator during the day, they will get passed around much quicker and make more of a chilling impact.

Review what Christ did on Calvary, and where the spikes went (like the dots). Pass around the spikes. Review the chorus to the song, "*He gave us all He had to give, so that we could truly live, so let's give all we have to Him, so that we can be completely free.*" Jesus said, in [John 14:6](#), "...no one comes to the Father except through me." The only way you can be free from sin is to receive Jesus and give all you have to Him, since He gave all He had to you. Let's cry out like Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

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How did Thomas react to HEARING about Christ's return?

How did Thomas react to SEEING Christ?

1. Thomas was \_\_\_\_\_ (John 20:24) Why?

2. Thomas was \_\_\_\_\_ (John 20:25) Why?

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas. (John 20:28) Why?

Thomas cried out, "My \_\_\_\_\_ and my \_\_\_\_\_"

CHECK OUT PAGE 66 & 67 FOR A STUDY GUIDE TEMPLATE AND OTHER IDEAS IN REPRODUCING THIS PAGE FOR YOUR STUDENTS. WHITE THESE DIRECTIONS OUT PRIOR TO PHOTOCOPYING!