



UNIT 24 | SESSION 3 | May 23-24, 2020

Elementary Parent Guide

Jesus and Nicodemus

Bible Passage: John 3

Story Point: Jesus taught that we must be born again.

Key Passage: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

Christ Connection: Nicodemus needed a new life-eternal life-but he could not do anything to earn it. Eternal life is a gift that comes only from God.

Use this guide to unpack what your kids are learning in the KidCity Online Experience. Pick an activity that works best for your family and lead your kids through the discussion questions. Check out the [Younger Kids Activity Page](#) for K-1st or the [Older Kids Activity Page](#) for 2nd-5th as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

ACTIVITY OPTION 1: I SPY

(No Supplies Needed)

Select someone to secretly pick an object in the room. She will start the game by telling the others the color of the object she is seeking. Others must try to figure out what she is seeking and bring it to her if it is possible. Once someone realizes what she is seeking, allow that person a chance to pick an object.

SAY • In today’s story, we will learn about a man named Nicodemus. He was a religious leader in Jesus’ time. He was seeking Jesus. Why do you think Nicodemus sought Jesus?

ACTIVITY OPTION 2: HOW IN THE WORLD?

(No Supplies Needed)

Ask your family the following questions regarding how things work.

- How can flies land on the ceiling?
- How do glasses help people see?
- Why is the ocean salty?
- Why does ice cream cause a “brain freeze”?

Ask everyone to share their answers. If they do not know the correct answer, encourage them to make their best guess. Let everyone vote which answer they think is correct. Then give the correct explanation. Play again for each question.

SAY • Those were some hard questions to answer! Sometimes answers are difficult to understand! In the Bible story we will hear today, a man asks Jesus, “How can anyone be born when he is old?” We’ll find out what Jesus said.

Answer Key:

1. Hairs on a fly’s footpads produce sticky “glue” made of sugar and oil
2. Eyeglasses bend light coming toward the eye to correct vision.
3. Rain breaks down rocks on land and washes salty elements (sodium and chloride) into the ocean.
4. The cold quickly constricts the blood vessels in the roof of your mouth.

DISCUSSION

(Bible)

Nicodemus was a Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night in Jerusalem.

SAY • **Jesus taught that we must be born again.** Without Jesus, we are separated from God. Our hearts are hard, and we love sin more than we love God. But God can soften people’s hearts. Jesus offers new life to those who trust in Him for salvation. Choose someone to read aloud John 3: 14-16. Ask the following questions and discuss.

• **How was the bronze serpent being lifted up like Jesus being lifted up?**

Like the serpent, Jesus was lifted up on the cross. He died for our sins and was raised from the dead. Like the Israelites with snakebites, we can’t do anything to save ourselves. But we can look to Jesus for salvation.

• **Can a person get into Heaven by doing enough good things? Why or why not?**

God wants us to obey Him, but the Bible says everyone sins (Rom. 3:23). If we had to obey God perfectly to go to Heaven, no one would ever get to Heaven! We are accepted by God when we trust in Jesus, who lived a perfect life and died the death that we deserve for our sins.

• **How is being apart from God like being in the dark? How can we bring friends and family members into the light of the gospel?**

The Bible says that Jesus is the light of the world. Before we trust in Jesus, we live in darkness. It’s difficult to see in the dark! God lights up the path of our lives and shows us what is true. We can tell others about what Jesus has done and pray for them.

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Pray as a family and ask the following questions:

- What does this story teach me about God?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Who can I tell about this story?

CONNECT

[\(Younger Kids Activity Page – K-1st\)](#), [\(Older Kids Activity Page – 2nd-5th\)](#)

Download the Kids Activity Page and encourage your child to do it at home with you this week.

