



UNIT 21 | SESSION 3 | May 23-24 2020

## Preschool Parent Guide

# Jesus and Nicodemus

**Bible Passage:** John 3

**Story Point:** Jesus told Nicodemus about God's great plan.

**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:** God showed His love by sending his one and only son to save people from sin.

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 key passage and discussion questions. Check out the [Big Picture Card](#) or [Preschool Activity Page](#) as an additional resource for your kids to do during the week.

### ACTIVITY OPTION 1: Try Harder

(No Supplies Needed)

Challenge preschoolers with various exercises, increasing how much you challenge them to do after each successful completion. Encourage children to try even if they think they cannot do it. Finish with an impossible request, such as lifting the roof off the house. This time when children say they cannot, respond, "You are right, but God can!" Repeat with different challenges.

Suggested exercises: hopping like a frog, reaching up high, arm circles, jumping jacks, push against the wall, hop on one foot.

SAY • Trying hard and getting better at things is good but knowing when we can't do something by ourselves and need God's help is good too. Some people try really hard to obey God because they think doing that will get them into Heaven. Obeying God is good, but it doesn't get us into Heaven. Getting to Heaven is not something we can do for ourselves, no matter how hard we try.

### ACTIVITY OPTION 2: John 3:16 Heart

(Paper Heart with John 3:16 written on it, and crayons/markers)

Give each child (or family member) a John 3:16 Heart and crayons/markers. Read the verse out loud and talk about the verse as you color. Hang your art work up through out the house. During the week, when you see the Heart, stop and say the verse.

**SAY** • This key passage reminds us how much God loves us. God gave us His Son as a gift. God’s Son came into the world to save people from sin so we can be with God forever. God Showed His love for us by sending his one and only son to save us from sin.

## KEY PASSAGE MOTIONS

Say the key passage using motions. Repeat several times and encourage children for trying.

“For God (point up) so loved (cross arms over chest) the world that he gave (hold hands out in front) his one and only Son (hold up one finger), that whoever believes in him (display arms outward) shall not perish (shake head) but have eternal life (clasp hands together).” John 3:16

## REVIEW

Ask the following questions. Retell parts of the Bible story as needed.

Who came to visit Jesus? (*Nicodemus*)

What did Jesus mean when He said a person must be born again to see God’s Kingdom? (*They need to receive a new better life from God.*)

Can we earn life forever with God by being good? (*No, life with God forever is a gift!*)

What is God’s great plan? (Everyone who believes in God’s one and only Son, Jesus, will have life forever with Him.)

**SAY** • Nicodemus was a man who tried to obey God’s law and taught it to others. He thought people could earn their way to heaven by being good and keeping all of God’s rules. Jesus taught Nicodemus that he could not do anything to earn life with God. Life with God forever is a gift. God showed His love by sending His one and only Son to save people from sin. Jesus is God’s one and only Son! Everyone who believes in Jesus receives God’s gift of life forever with Him.

## PRAY

Invite your child to share any prayer requests they have.

**SAY** • God, thank you for sending your one and only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins. We trust that we cannot earn our way to heaven, but that life forever with you only comes from Jesus. Help us all trust in your great plan. Amen.

## CONNECT WITH PARENTS/INFLUENCERS

([Big Picture Card for 2s-3s](#) or [Preschool Activity Page for 4s-5s](#), Crayons)

Children may color the Story Point coloring page. Encourage them to do the Activity Page at home with you this week.