



## Jesus Met Nicodemus

John 3:1-21

**MAIN POINT: JESUS TOLD NICODEMUS HE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.**

Jesus had traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover feast. One night, a religious man came to see Jesus. The man's name was Nicodemus.

"Rabbi," he said, "we know that You have come from God. You are a teacher, and no one could do the miracles You do unless God is with him."

Jesus said, "I tell you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Now Nicodemus was confused. "How can anyone be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked.

Jesus said, "A man cannot enter God's kingdom unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit."

Jesus said, "Don't be surprised I told you that you must be born again."

Nicodemus still didn't understand. "How is this possible?" he asked.

Jesus replied, "No one has ever gone up into heaven, except the Son of Man. He came down from heaven. Do you remember how Moses raised up the bronze snake in the wilderness? Everyone who looked at it was healed. Like that, the Son of Man will be raised up, so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life."

Then Jesus told Nicodemus about God's great plan. Jesus said, "God showed His love in this way: He sent His One and Only Son to save the world. Everyone who believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life."

*Christ Connection: Nicodemus needed new life—eternal life—but he could not do anything to earn it. Eternal life is a gift that comes only from God. God showed His love in this way: He sent His One and Only Son to save the world. Everyone who believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life.*

### MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who did Jesus say He is? Jesus said He is the Messiah.

### BIBLE STORY:

#### JESUS MET NICODEMUS

- A religious leader named Nicodemus met Jesus at night.
- Jesus told Nicodemus he must be born again.
- Nicodemus was confused; how could an old man be born again?
- Jesus explained that God made it possible by sending His only Son.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why was Nicodemus confused when Jesus said he must be born again?
- What kind of birth was Jesus talking about?
- How can we be born into God's family?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Track the date of your kids' spiritual birthdays and celebrate them with special dinners or other treats. Remind them what it means to be born again.