



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 8

Jesus and Nicodemus

Lesson Aim: To consider personal salvation and voice questions about God.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: When is your birthday?

GAME: Birthday Race

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO SERVES

Read Worship Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Sing songs and worship God. (Use the Seven Stars of Lent activity if this lesson occurs during the 40 days before Easter.)

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

Lead any child who expresses a desire to receive Jesus as his or her Lord and Savior in praying the ABC Prayer or any prayer of salvation.

THE WORD JESUS TEACHES NICODEMUS

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus taught the nine blessings called the Beatitudes.

Today, we will learn about a man named Nicodemus who came by himself at night to see Jesus. Point to Jerusalem on a map.

Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 3:1-9, 13-16. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 3:3. Pray. Read.

THE WAY BEING BORN AGAIN

What did Jesus say must happen for us to enter God's kingdom? (We must be born again.) **How is believing in Jesus like being born again?** (It is the beginning of life following Jesus. God gives you a new start with a new life. You will live forever, even if your body dies.)

Jesus said when we are born again, it is through water and the Holy Spirit. Water reminds us Jesus washes our sins away. Who knows what baptism is? (Believers are sprinkled or dunked in water

as a sign they believe in Jesus as the Lord who washed their sins away.) **When we believe in Jesus as our Lord, our sins are washed away and we have a new start – we are born again. The Holy Spirit comes and lives in our hearts forever to help us follow Jesus. In what way is the Holy Spirit like wind?** (Both are invisible. Both cause things to move and change.) **The Holy Spirit is like the wind that moves us in the right direction to keep us following Jesus.**

Who can put John 3:16 into their own words? If you have never accepted this gift of a new life and you are ready to, you can pray to Him now and you will be born again. If a child expresses a desire to be born again, offer to lead that child in the ABC Prayer or any prayer of salvation. Give them a Children's Guide for New Believers.

QUESTION CARDS: Like Nicodemus, some of us have important questions we don't want to ask in front of others. Hand out note cards. **Write your question on the card. Do not write your name. In the coming weeks, your questions will be answered by people who love God and study the Bible.**

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus spoke of the time God saved the people from deadly snakes. Reveal Numbers 21:7-9. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **The people confessed their sins and all who looked at the bronze snake were saved. How is this a picture of those who look to Jesus on the cross?** (To be saved, we must confess our sin and look to Jesus as the only One who can save us.)

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Born Again Birthday Candle (small candle)
- W³ BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #8
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus talking to Nicodemus at night
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Birthday Cake

GAME: Birthday Ball

CRAFT: Questions Journal

DISCUSSION: Questions about Being Born Again, The Rest Of The Story, ABC Prayer of Salvation

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Come, Follow Me; The Wave
BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW