



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 8

Jesus and Nicodemus

Lesson Aim: To consider personal salvation and discover the meaning of being born again.

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, 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?** (Being born is the beginning of your life. Being born again is the beginning of your life with Jesus.) **When you believe, God gives you a new start with a new life.**

Jesus said when we are born again, it is through water and the Holy Spirit. What does water do for us when we are dirty?

(Washes away the dirt.) **When we believe in Jesus as our Lord, our sins are washed away and we have a new start – we are born again. Then the Holy Spirit comes and lives in our hearts forever. He helps us follow Jesus. In what way is the Holy Spirit like wind?** (Both are invisible. Both cause things to move and change.)

Choose volunteer. Instruct volunteer to place ping pong ball on flat hard surface and blow on it until it rolls. **Just as we cannot see breath or wind blowing, we cannot see the Holy Spirit. But can you see the ping pong ball move in the way the wind blows it?** (Yes.) **The Holy Spirit is like the wind that moves us in the right direction to keep us following Jesus.**

Does anyone have a question about being born again? For more, see Questions about Being Born Again in GOT TIME?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

More than 500 years earlier, Ezekiel spoke of God's promise to give us a new heart and a new spirit for our new life close with Him. Reveal Ezekiel 36:25-27. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Jesus says believing in Him is the only way to eternal life. If you have never accepted this gift of a new life, you can pray to Him now and you will be born again. If a child wants to be born again, offer to lead that child in the ABC Prayer or any prayer of salvation. Give child a Children's Guide for New Believers to take home.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Born Again Birthday Candle (small candle)
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus talking to Nicodemus at night
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Birthday Cake

GAME: Birthday Ball

CRAFT: Born Again Birthday Candle

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