





Open your Bible to John 3. Use the Bible storytelling tips found in the leader guide to help you tell the story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for younger preschoolers.

JESUS AND NICODEMUS

One night when Jesus was in Jerusalem, a man named Nicodemus came to visit Him. Nicodemus was a religious man who studied God’s law. He taught the law and tried very hard to obey it. **Nicodemus wanted to know more about Jesus.**

“Teacher,” **Nicodemus said, “we know where you came from. You came from God. You are a teacher, and you do miracles. God must be with you.”**

Nicodemus was right. Jesus was a teacher. **Jesus came to earth from heaven, and God was with Him.**

Jesus decided to teach Nicodemus an important lesson. **Jesus said, “A person cannot see God’s kingdom unless he is born again.”**

Nicodemus was confused. He asked, “How can anyone be born again when they are old?”

Jesus explained that a mother gives birth to her baby. But Jesus also taught that the Holy Spirit gives new birth to people’s hearts—the kind of birth that allows people to live with God forever. But Jesus also taught that the Holy Spirit gives new life to people’s hearts—the kind of life that allows people to live with God forever.

Jesus said, “I’m telling you the truth. You can trust me because I am the Son of Man who has come from heaven.”

Then Jesus reminded Nicodemus of a story when God’s people sinned and were bitten by snakes that made them sick. God told their leader Moses to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole. When the people looked up at the bronze snake on the pole, they were healed.

Jesus said that He would also be raised up like the snake so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life. Jesus was talking about when He would be raised up on a cross.

Jesus told Nicodemus about God’s great plan. Jesus said, “God loved the world so much that he sent his one and only Son to save the world. Everyone who believes in him will not perish but will have life with God forever.”