

Large Group

Jesus Told Nicodemus about Eternal Life

Bible Passage: John 3

Memory Verse: Romans 5:8

Big Picture Question: How do we know God loves us?

We can know that God loves us because He gave us Jesus to forgive the sins of the world.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Jesus can be seen throughout the whole Bible, but Jesus' earthly life began when He was born in the town of Bethlehem. A humble birth brought us our Savior and Redeemer, fulfilled ancient prophecies, and further displayed God's love to the world.

We learned that Jesus was dedicated and baptized. We also learned that Jesus never sinned, even when He was tempted by the devil. Now, let's learn more about who Jesus is through His encounters with people.

Today's Lesson

Nicodemus was a Pharisee who wanted to know more about Jesus. He knew that Jesus was from God because He performed miracles. But Jesus directed Nicodemus' curiosity about where Jesus is from to the kingdom of God. Jesus told him that to enter the God's kingdom, he must be born again. How did Nicodemus feel about that? [Allow responses.] He was confused. He didn't understand how someone who was already born could be born again.

Jesus was patient with Nicodemus. Jesus explained that all people have a physical birth and are made of flesh. But the Spirit gives people a new birth and a spiritual life that lasts forever. We are all born physically but we must receive the Spirit of God to live forever.

Nicodemus still didn't understand. Jesus reminded him of the bronze serpent that was lifted up by Moses in the wilderness. What did Jesus say happened to the people who looked to the serpent? [Allow responses.] They were healed. They did not die. Jesus was hinting at the truth that He was going to be lifted up on the cross to save people from their sins.

Jesus told Nicodemus that God loved the world so much that He sent His Son to die so people might have eternal life. Can we earn our salvation? [Allow responses.] No, we are only saved through faith in Jesus. **We can know that God loves us because He gave us Jesus to forgive the sins of the world.**

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.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

John 3: 1-6, 12-15

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.