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Jesus and Nicodemus
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Lesson #10: JESUS & NICODEMUS (John 3:1-22)



The Bible says that one night a man came to see Jesus. The man's name was Nicodemus. Nicodemus was a Pharisee. That means that he studied and taught God's law and tried very hard to obey the law. Nicodemus wanted to know Jesus and learn from Him.

He said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. No one could do the miracles you do unless God were with him." Nicodemus was right – Jesus was a good teacher. Jesus had come from heaven to earth. And God was with him.



Jesus said, "To be in the kingdom of God you must be born again." Now, Nicodemus was confused. He thought that a person got to go to Heaven if he was good and obeyed all of God's laws. He asked, "How can anyone be born again when he is old?" He thought Jesus was saying that a grown person must be born like a baby again. But that's not what Jesus meant.

When a baby is born, he gets physical life from his parents. That kind of life doesn't last forever. No one lives forever. Jesus said a person must be born again - of water and the Spirit.

When someone is baptized in water, God's Spirit makes him a new person – sinless and pure like a baby. The Spirit gives people a better kind of life – a spiritual life so that they can live forever.



Nicodemus said, "How is this possible?"

Jesus replied, "When you don't believe what I say about things I've seen on earth, how will you believe what I say I've seen in heaven?"



Jesus said, "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 explained God's great plan. Jesus said, **"God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life."**



No one can *EARN* eternal life, not even a good man like Nicodemus. New life is given to us by God when we are born again because of our faith in Jesus! It is God's *GIFT* to us. Thank you, God!

PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY



“For God so _____
the _____ that He
gave His one and only _____.”



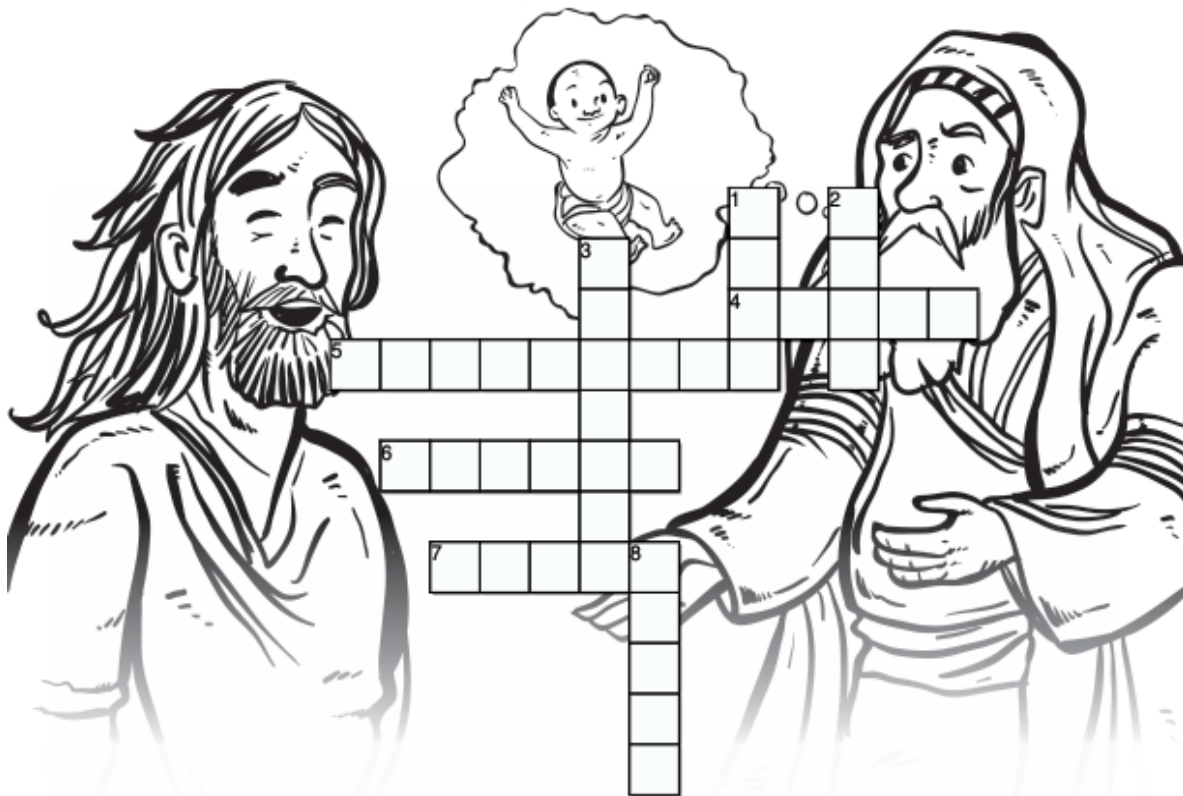
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UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

JESUS & NICODEMUS WORD SEARCH

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4. Jesus said, "For God so loved the _____, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life."
5. The _____ were part of the religious leadership of the day.
6. Jesus explained to Nicodemus that he must be born of water and _____.
7. Nicodemus met Jesus late at _____.

Down

1. Nicodemus was a leader of the _____.
2. Jesus told Nicodemus that he could not inherit God's Kingdom unless he was _____ again.
3. Jesus revealed to Nicodemus that He was the _____, and had come to give new life.
8. When the Pharisees came to listen to Jesus teach, they asked him many _____ questions, to try and find fault with him.

Write About It:
What does it mean to be
BORN OF WATER AND SPIRIT?
 (Look on page 2 of our lesson.)



