

Jesus and Nicodemus

Session 2023-37

Shine!

4TH-6TH GRADE

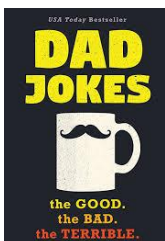
Hi Tweens,

Opening Prayer

Father, thank You that our many sins can be forgiven through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You for Your promise to put our sins behind Your back, to bury them in the depth of the sea, and to remove them from us as far as the east is from the west. Let the blood of Jesus cleanse us from every sin we pray. In Jesus Name. Amen!

Shine this week. September 13th at 6:00pm with dinner starting at 5:30pm.

This week's lesson "**Jesus and Nicodemus**" is found in the book of John. Nicodemus was identified as a Pharisee and a ruler of the Jews. Nicodemus could not openly approach Jesus to ask his questions since he was both a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin, so Nicodemus came to Jesus at night. Enjoy the story!



Q: Why can't dogs get **MRIs**?

A: Because only **CAT scan!**

Here are your 3 random questions for this week:

- Question 580: Do you trust people that don't look you in the eyes? (*Sometimes!*)
- Question 263: Do you prefer, pony tails or pig tails? (*pony tails*)
- Question 920: Name your alter ego? (*Thor*)

Bible Passage: John 3:1-22

Memory Verse: John 20:31 NIV

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Bible Verse: John 3:16 NIV

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Text Truth: **God sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin and give eternal life to all who believe in Him.**

Bible Skills Spotlight: Pronounce most of the names of Bible people, places, and things mentioned in the Bible.

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ENJOY THIS WEEKS STORY!

Jesus began His earthly ministry by performing a miracle in Cana of Galilee at a wedding. Then Jesus went to Jerusalem for the Passover. While Jesus was in Jerusalem, a religious leader named Nicodemus came one night to visit Jesus. He told Jesus, "We know that You are a teacher from God. No one could perform the miracles You do unless He was from God."

Jesus told Nicodemus, "Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."



Nicodemus was confused. How could someone be born a second time? Jesus explained that people needed to be spiritually born. People needed to be cleansed of their sin and transformed by God.

Nicodemus was still confused. Jesus told Nicodemus some things that we understand better now because we know Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead.

Jesus said, "Like Moses lifted up the bronze snake in the wilderness, the Son of Man will also be lifted up. Everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

Jesus was telling Nicodemus that God sent Him (Jesus) to rescue people from sin.

Then Jesus told Nicodemus that people who believe in the Son of God are not guilty before God for their sin. They have repented and trusted God's gift of salvation through Jesus. But those who do not believe in the one and only Son of God will face judgment for their sin.

Next, Jesus described Himself as the light that had come into the world. People who love their sin love darkness instead of light. Those who love evil hate the light and avoid it so that no one will know their sin. They do not want to know Jesus. But those who believe in Jesus live by the truth. They come to the light and when people see their good deeds, they understand that God is at work in their lives.

After Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus, Jesus and His disciples traveled to the Judean countryside.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO JOHN CHAPTERS 3

READ JOHN 3:14-16

- "Who was Jesus having a conversation with in this Bible passage?" (a religious leader named Nicodemus)

"Let's remember this Text Truth: God sent Jesus to rescue us from our sin and give eternal life to all who believe in Him.

- "The bronze serpent was a way for people to be healed from the consequences of their sin. In a greater way, Jesus—who lived a sinless life—paid the penalty for our sin through His death on the cross. God offers to forgive us of our sins when we look to and receive what Jesus did for us on the cross."

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- “Who is not guilty before God for their sin?” (*people who trust in Jesus*)
- “People who do not repent and trust God’s gift of salvation through Jesus will face judgment for their sin, but God offers forgiveness and eternal life for anyone who responds to His gift of salvation.”

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to cameronfamily10@gmail.com. Remember to LAUGH, have a blessed week, watch or come to church Sunday morning, enjoy the summer, school is coming soon, and remember **GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.**

The Tween Teachers



JOHN 3 TRUE OR FALSE

Read each statement from today’s Bible story.
If the statement is true, write a **T** in the blank.
If the statement is false, write an **F** in the blank.

1. A religious leader named Nicodemus came one day to visit Jesus.
2. Jesus told Nicodemus, “Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the castle of God.”
3. Jesus explained people need to be cleansed of their sin and transformed by God.
4. Jesus said, “Like Abraham lifted up the bronze snake in the wilderness, the Son of Man will also be lifted up.”
5. Jesus said, “For God loved the world in this way: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.”
6. Jesus described Himself as the light that had come into the world.
7. People who love their sin, love darkness instead of light.