

MAY 24, 2020  
JESUS AND NICODEMUS

## GAME TIME

### I SEEK

Select a child to secretly pick an object in the room. They will start the game by telling the other family members the color of the object they are seeking. Others must try to figure out what they are seeking and bring it to them if it is possible. Once a kid realizes what they are seeking, allow that kid a chance to pick an object.

**SAY:** *Great job with that game. You sought some great objects. Today we will learn about a man named Nicodemus. He was a religious leader in Jesus' time. He was seeking Jesus. Why do you think Nicodemus sought Jesus?*

## BIBLE STORY

### John 3

One night, when Jesus was in the city of Jerusalem, a man named Nicodemus came to visit Jesus. Nicodemus was a religious man who studied God's law and taught it to others. He wanted to know more about Jesus.

"Teacher," Nicodemus said, "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 who came to earth from heaven. God was with Him!

Jesus taught Nicodemus an important lesson. He said, "A person cannot see God's kingdom unless he is born again."

Nicodemus was confused. He thought that a person got to go to heaven if he was good and obeyed all of God's laws. Jesus' words did not make sense!

"How can anyone be born again when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. Nicodemus knew that babies are small when they are born. Jesus told Nicodemus that when a baby is born, the baby gets life from his parents. But that kind of life does not last forever. Jesus said that people can get a better kind of life from God. This kind of life means people can live with God forever.

Nicodemus still did not understand. "How is it possible to get life from God?" Nicodemus asked.

Jesus said, "When I tell you about things we have seen on earth, you do not believe Me. Will you believe Me when I tell you about things I have seen in heaven?" Jesus told Nicodemus about God's great plan. Jesus said, "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." Jesus was talking about Himself; He is God's one and only Son!

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Nicodemus wanted life with God, but he could not do anything to earn it. Eternal life is a gift. God showed His love by sending His one and only Son to rescue people from sin. Everyone who believes in Him receives God's gift of eternal life through Jesus.

### BUBBLE POP

Form two teams between your family. Provide each team with a bottle of bubbles and a bubble wand. The players of each team will take turns blowing a bubble and catching it on the bubble wand. Time how long the bubbles last. Whichever team has the longest lasting bubble earns a point. Play additional rounds. After each player on both teams has a chance to blow and catch a bubble, add up the scores and declare the team with the most points the winners.

**SAY:** *It was really hard to make a bubble last. It was here only for a moment before it popped. In a way, that reminds us of our lives on earth. In the big picture, our lives on earth are pretty short. But, when we believe in Jesus, we get everlasting life with God. No matter how short our lives on Earth might be, we will still live forever with God. Jesus taught that we must be born again to experience everlasting life.*

