

FAMILY ACTIVITY TIME

BIBLE STORY

Jesus met Nicodemus | **John 3:1-21**

BIG PICTURE Q & A

Q: Who did Jesus say He is?
A: **Jesus said He is the Messiah.**

MEMORY VERSE

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6

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.

PARENTS, lead your family through the following activity. As the kids do their activity, review the questions on the backside of this page to reinforce what we've learned. Look up the scriptures in your Bible. Also review with your kids the main points (listed above) of what was taught in our message today. Download the Memory Verse Hand Motions to memorize and learn the verse together.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: HANDPRINT WORLD

WHAT YOU NEED: paper plates, paint, paintbrushes, cups, and water.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Distribute** a paper plate to each child.
- Invite** kids to paint their paper plates to look like the earth.
- Provide** cups with water to rinse brushes between using different colors.
- They** can use green handprints to make the continents around the globe.
- Help** the kids write out John 3:16 on the back of their plates.

WHAT YOU SAY: John 3:16 is one of the most well-known verses in the whole Bible. Did you notice it in our story today? Jesus explained to Nicodemus that God loved the world in such a way that He sent His Son to save the world from sin and death. We are all born sinners, spiritually dead. When we trust in Jesus, we are born again into God's family. We are made spiritually alive and changed to live for God. When you take your picture home, remember that the whole world needs Jesus. Jesus died to save the world. Make time to share about Jesus with a friend who might not know about Him.

FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- ❑ **Who visited Jesus at night?** (Nicodemus, John 3:1-2)
- ❑ **What was Nicodemus's job?** (He was a Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews; John 3:1)
- ❑ **What did Jesus say must happen for a person to see the kingdom of God?** (A person must be born again, John 3:3)
- ❑ **What Old Testament story did Jesus talk about?** (Moses and the bronze snake, John 3:14)
- ❑ **How did God show His love to the world?** (He gave His One and Only Son, John 3:16)
- ❑ **Everyone who believes in Jesus will have what?** (eternal life, John 3:16)
- ❑ **BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Who did Jesus say He is? Jesus said He is the Messiah.

WHAT YOU SAY: Nicodemus was a religious leader. He probably worked very hard to obey God's rules and to do the right things. But Jesus said that wasn't enough to get into God's kingdom. Jesus told Nicodemus he must be born again.

Read these passages as a family and then pray to close.
John 3:16-17 | Romans 5:8

Pray with Kids: Dear God, thank you for sending Your Son to die on the cross for our sins. You love us so much that you made a way for us to be with You again. We love You. In Jesus name, Amen.

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