

## John 3:1-21 New International Version

**Jesus Teaches Nicodemus**

**3** Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

**3** Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.<sup>[a]</sup>”

**4** “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

**5** Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit<sup>[b]</sup> gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You<sup>[c]</sup> must be born again.’ **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”<sup>[d]</sup>

**9** “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

**10** “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? **11** Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. **12** I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? **13** No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man.<sup>[e]</sup> **14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,<sup>[f]</sup> **15** that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”<sup>[g]</sup>

**16** 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. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. **18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. **19** This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. **20** Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. **21** But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

**Footnotes**

a. [John 3:3](#) The Greek for *again* also means *from above*; also in verse 7.

b. [John 3:6](#) Or *but spirit*

c. [John 3:7](#) The Greek is plural.

d. [John 3:8](#) The Greek for *Spirit* is the same as that for *wind*.

e. [John 3:13](#) Some manuscripts *Man, who is in heaven*

f. [John 3:14](#) The Greek for *lifted up* also means *exalted*.

g. [John 3:15](#) Some interpreters end the quotation with verse 21.

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# John 3:16

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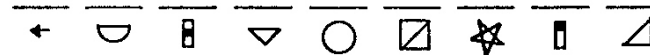
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# JESUS TALKS TO NICODEMUS

*John 3:1-21*

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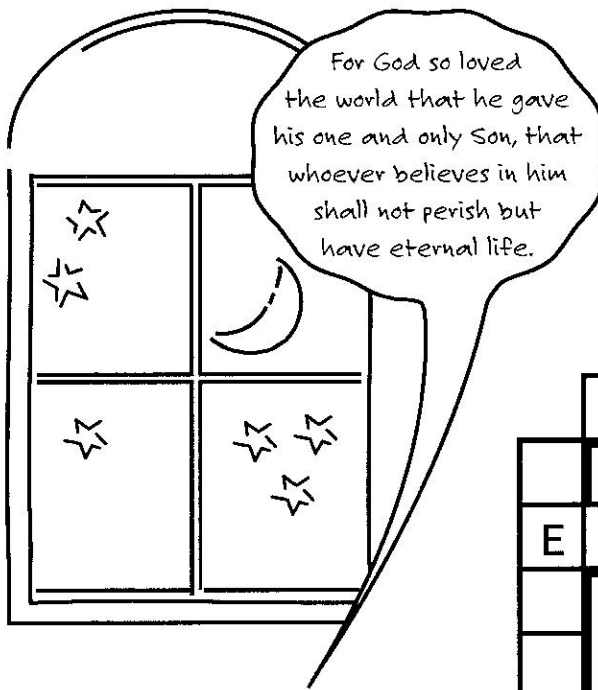
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One night a man secretly came to see Jesus. He wanted to know more about God. Jesus told the man how he could know God.

# JESUS TALKS TO NICODEMUS

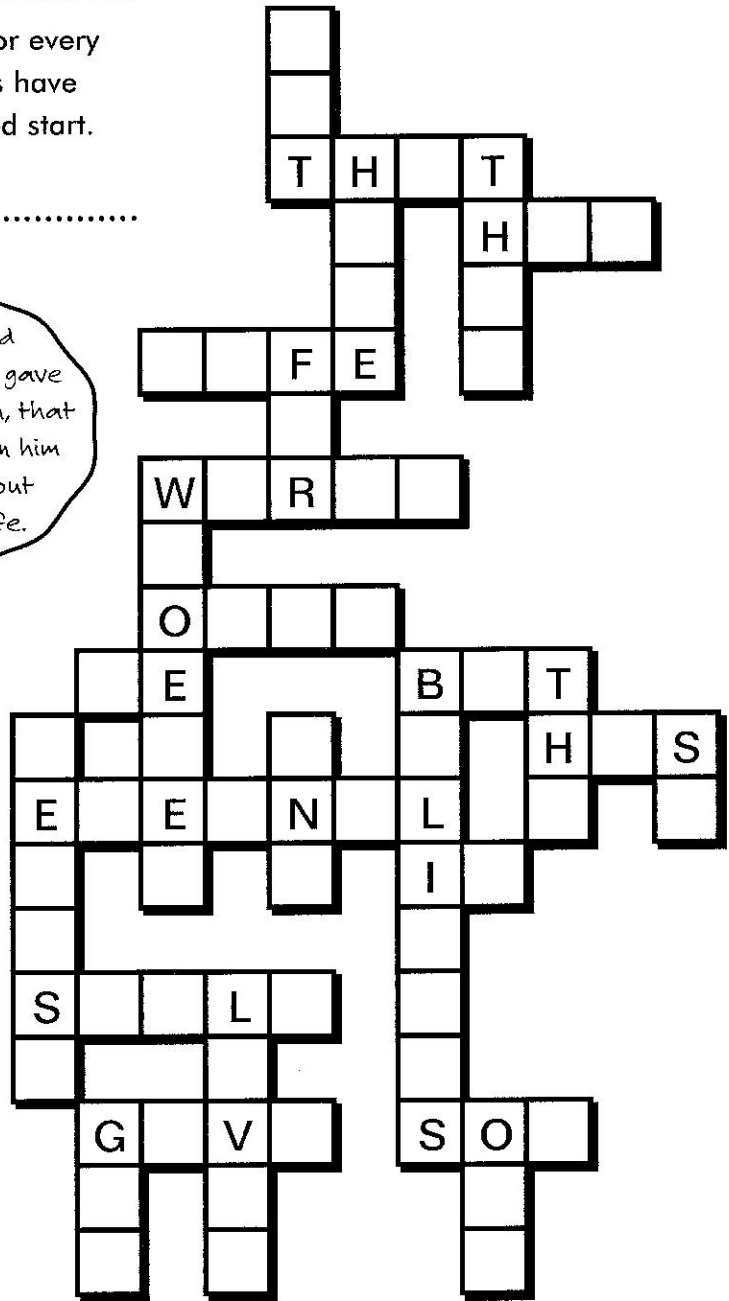
*John 3:1-21*

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In the puzzle, there is a special place for every word in this Scripture. All shared letters have been filled in for you to give you a good start.  
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When Nicodemus came with questions, Jesus tried to help him understand God's love and the promise of eternal life.

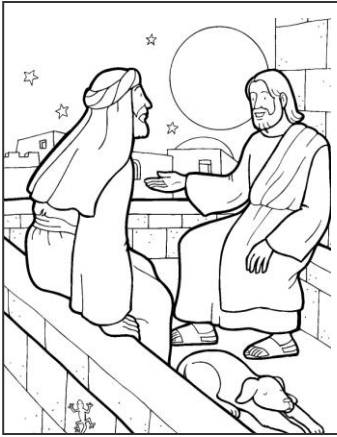
This explanation includes a Bible verse that has become a favorite for all who hear it—John 3:16.



# THE BIBLE TIMES HERALD

A SPECIAL REPORT ON JOHN 3:1-21

## JESUS TALKS TO NICODEMUS



One night a Pharisee named Nicodemus came to speak with Jesus.

Nicodemus said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God.

For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him."

Jesus replied, "No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

Nicodemus thought Jesus was talking about going back into his mother's tummy to be born again like a child.

Jesus told Nicodemus what being born again means. It means that if you believe in Jesus and receive him as your savior, you are born again and will receive eternal life. Eternal life is life that never ends in heaven. Jesus said, "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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

For more details, please read John 3:1-21 in the Bible.

## QUESTIONS

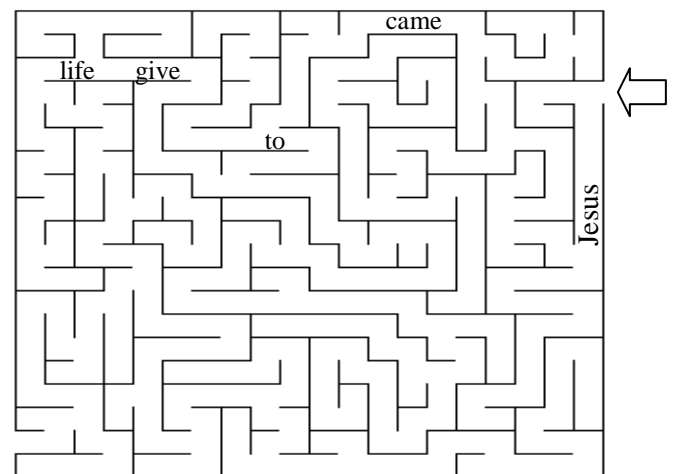
1. What does it mean to be born again?
2. Why did God send his Son into the world?
3. What is eternal life?
4. Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?

## MEMORY VERSE

"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." John 3:16

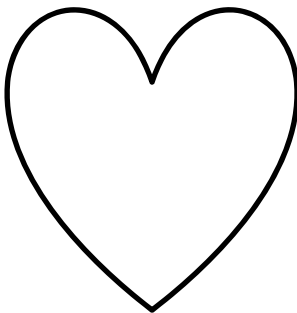
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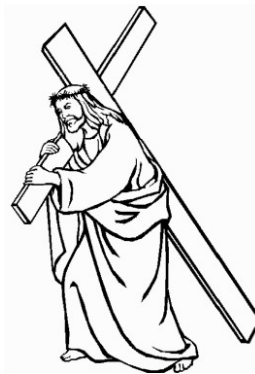
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**God so loved  
the world...  
that he gave his  
only son.**

**John 3:16**



Parents,

Here are some review notes from this week's Sermon, as well as discussion points for the family, should you want to participate! This week we studied John 3:1-21, Nicodemus.

**Gospel Truth for Today:** You must be born again to enter the kingdom of heaven.

**The Lesson In A Sentence :** Nicodemus visited Jesus in the cover of night and learned that it isn't his good works that gain him access to heaven, but it is the work of God's Spirit through the faith in Jesus.

**Questions For Family Discussion:** *Parents, we have provided some basic answers to the questions so that when your child inevitably says, "I don't remember," you can feed them some clues and help them recount the lesson.*

- **Who came to Jesus?**
  - Nicodemus came to Jesus. He was an important religious leader, similar to a pastor in the church.
- **Why did Nicodemus come to Jesus at night?**
  - We don't know why Nicodemus came at night. He may have been afraid, thought it was a good way to visit with Jesus without a crowd, or that Pharisees usually studied at night.
- **What did Jesus tell Nicodemus that confused him?**
  - Jesus told Nicodemus that he must be born again. This confused Nicodemus because he knew that a man could not go back into his mom's body to be born again.
- **What does it mean to be born again?**
  - That is when the Holy Spirit comes into a person and changes his heart so that he can love God.
- **Why did Jesus say being born again is important?**
  - Jesus told Nicodemus that unless a man is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus God's plan to save his people. God would take their sinful hearts and change them, make them as if they were born again so that they would be able to understand God's plan.