

JESUS TALKS TO NICODEMUS

John 3:1-21

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¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and 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.”

³In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

⁴“How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The 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.”

⁹“How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰“You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have

spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things?

¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

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. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.

²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What does being <i>born again</i> mean?
5		2.) Why did God send his Son into the world?
5		3.) What is <i>eternal life</i> ?
5		4.) Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?

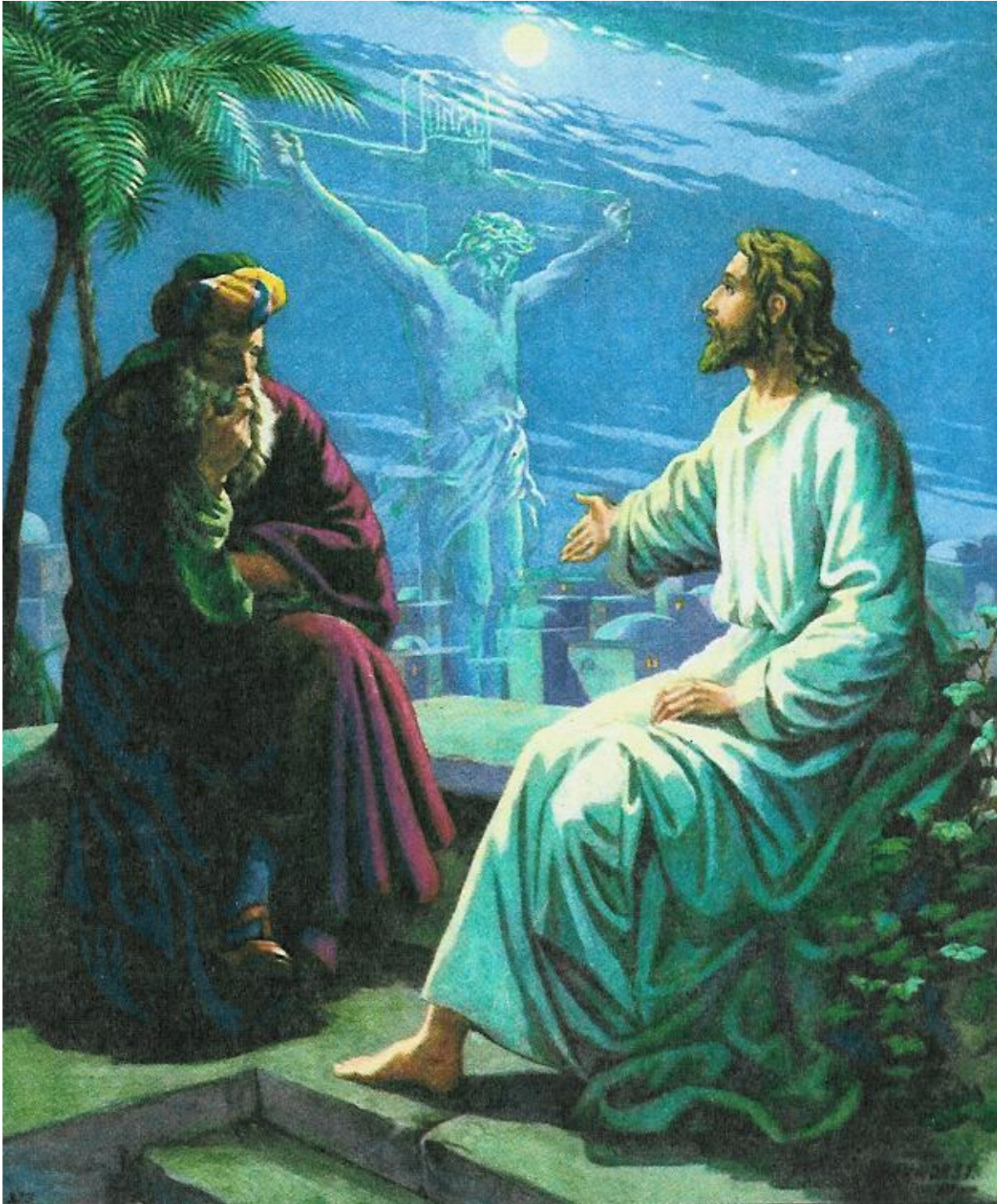
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 3:16</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Jesus talks to Nicodemus about being born again

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: WORDLESS BOOKS

Students will make a wordless book to remind them of the Gospel message. Nicodemus learned from Jesus what it meant to be saved.

MATERIALS

1. 3" x 4" Red Construction Paper Rectangles
2. 3" x 4" Green Construction Paper Rectangles
3. 3" x 4" Gold (Yellow) Construction Paper Rectangles
4. 3" x 4" Black Construction Paper Rectangles
5. 3" x 4" White Construction Paper Rectangles
6. White Glue



DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out a red, green, yellow, black, and white rectangle to each student.
2. Help students glue the colors back-to-back to make a wordless book.

FOR DISCUSSION

Explain that the book that the students are making has no words, but the colors tell the Gospel message. Black stands for sin. Anytime we do something bad, it makes our heart blacker than before. But, God sent his Son Jesus to cleanse our hearts from sin by the shedding of his blood on the cross. The color red helps use remember his shed blood. Jesus' blood cleanses our sin. The color white helps use remember that Jesus cleanses our hearts as white as snow. Now we must grow in Him. This means reading our Bibles, going to church, praying, etc. The color green stands for new life in Christ. If we have received Christ as our Savior, we have a place in heaven waiting for us. Gold (yellow) helps remind us of heaven where the streets are paved with gold.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

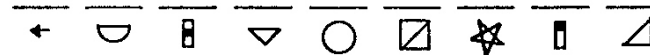
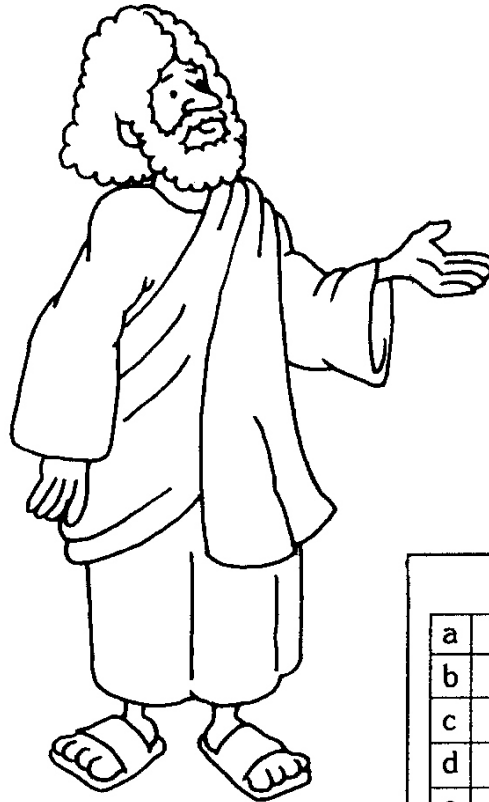
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John 3:16

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Figure out this secret code to see who wanted to learn more about God.



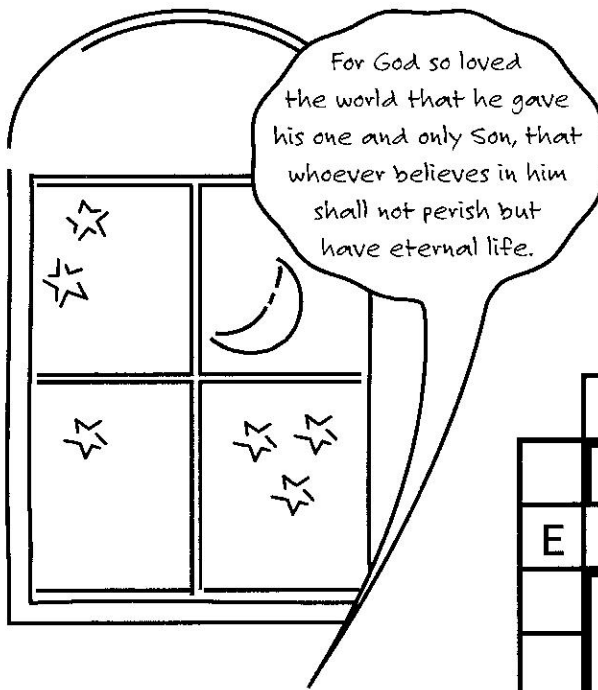
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One night a man secretly came to see Jesus. He wanted to know more about God. Jesus told the man how he could know God.

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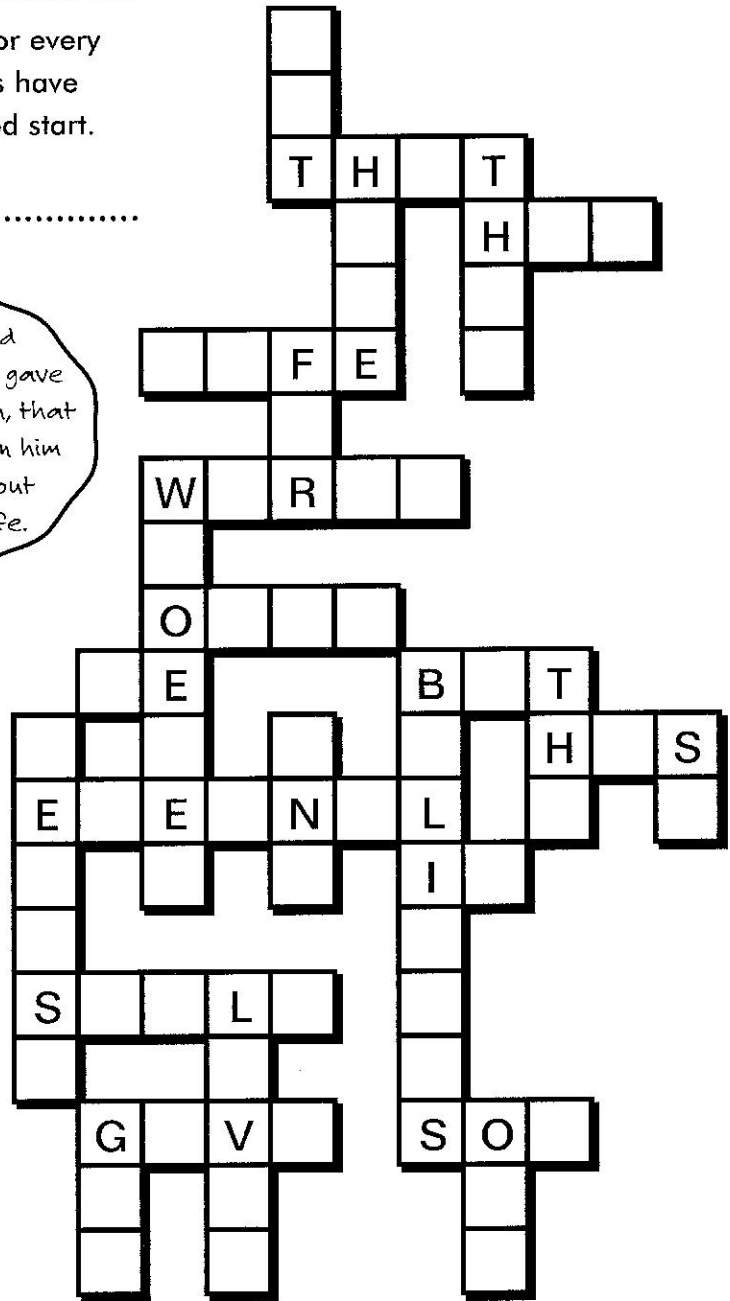
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In the puzzle, there is a special place for every word in this Scripture. All shared letters have been filled in for you to give you a good start.
Can you find the right fit?
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When Nicodemus came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

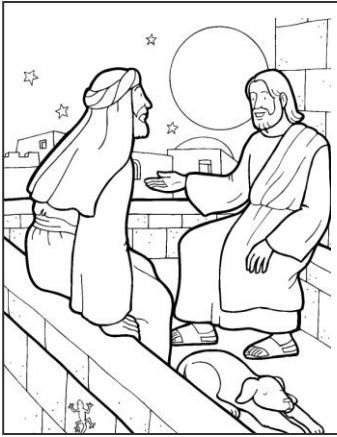
This explanation includes a Bible verse that has become a favorite for all who hear it—John 3:16.



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JOHN 3:1-21

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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

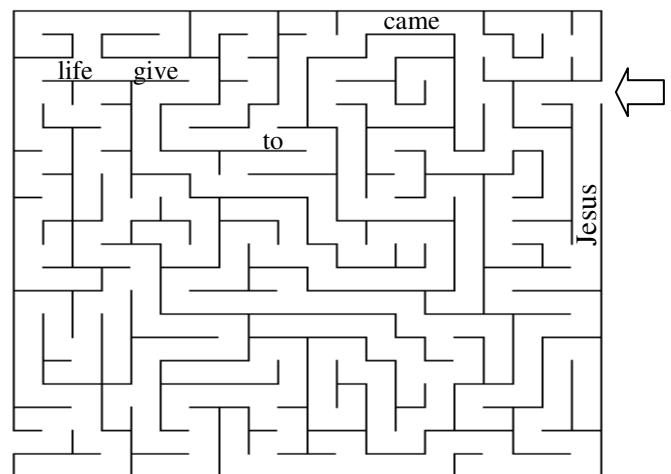
1. What does it mean to be born again?
2. Why did God send his Son into the world?
3. What is eternal life?
4. Why do you think Nicodemus came to Jesus at night?

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

MAZE MESSAGE

Write down each word as you come to it to find the hidden message.



Hidden message: _____
