



IDC KIDS

May 17, 2026

8:30am & 11:15am

JESUS AND NICODEMUS

JOHN 3

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus is God's one and only Son. God sent Jesus into the world to rescue people from sin. Everyone who believes in Jesus will live with Him forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

1 John 3:5

STORY POINT:

Jesus taught that anyone who believes in Him will have life with God forever.

LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY

In your life, you will have many teachers. Did you know that Jesus was also a teacher? Jesus taught God's truth to people throughout His life. In today's Bible story, Jesus taught a man named Nicodemus how people can have life with God forever.

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.



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TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

TURN TO JOHN 3

STORY SCRIPT

One night when Jesus was in Jerusalem, a man named Nicodemus came to visit Him.

*Nicodemus was a religious man who studied God's law. He taught the law and tried very hard to obey it. **Nicodemus wanted to know more about Jesus.***

*"Teacher," **Nicodemus said, "we know where you came from. You came from God. You are a teacher, and you do miracles. God must be with you."***

Nicodemus was right. *Jesus was a teacher. **Jesus came to earth from heaven, and God was with Him.***

*Jesus decided to teach Nicodemus an important lesson. **Jesus said, "A person cannot see God's kingdom unless he is born again."***

Nicodemus was confused. *He asked, **"How can anyone be born again when they are old?"***

Jesus explained that a mother gives birth to her baby. *But Jesus also taught that the Holy Spirit gives new birth to people's hearts—the kind of birth that allows people to live with God forever.*

Jesus said, "I'm telling you the truth. You can trust me because I am the Son of Man who has come from heaven."

Then Jesus reminded Nicodemus of a story when God's people sinned and were bitten by snakes that made them sick. *God told their leader Moses to **make a bronze snake and put it on a pole. When the people looked up at the bronze snake on the pole, they were healed.***

Jesus said that He would also be raised up like the snake so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life. *Jesus was talking about when He would be raised up on a cross.*

Jesus told Nicodemus about God's great plan. *Jesus said, **"God loved the world so much that he sent his one and only Son to save the world. Everyone who believes in him will not perish but will have life with God forever.***

Story Telling Tips

- **Create motions:** Choose several words from the story to create motions for kids to do as you say them. Consider words such as "snake" (move arm back and forth in a swerving motion), "baby" (pretend to rock a baby), and "world" (make a large circle with arms).
- **Create a night environment:** Tell the Bible story with the lights dimmed. Light the room with flashlights or battery-powered candles or tealights while you tell the story.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus is God's one and only Son. God sent Jesus into the world to rescue people from sin. Everyone who believes in Jesus will live with Him forever.

READ 1 John 3:5

SING Take Away Sins our [memory verse song](#). Scan the qr code to find it.





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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL) Ask the following review questions:

- a. What did you like about the Bible story? (*Answers will vary.*)
- b. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? (*Answers will vary.*)
- c. What teacher did Nicodemus go visit? (*Jesus*)
- d. Did Nicodemus understand everything that Jesus said right away? (*No, so Jesus took the time to explain what He was talking about.*)
- e. Who should we believe in so we can have life with God forever? (*Jesus, God's one and only Son*)
- f. **Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned.**

SAY	<i>Nicodemus found Jesus at night to learn from Him. Nicodemus said that he knew Jesus came from God. Jesus taught that anyone who believes in Him will have life with God forever. If we believe in Jesus, we can have life with God forever, too.</i>
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4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY	<i>It's time to review our big picture question and answer: Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned. Jesus is the only person who has ever lived without sin. Jesus told Nicodemus that He would be lifted up like the snake on the cross. Jesus died on a cross for our sins even though He never sinned. Jesus saved people from the punishment of sin by dying in our place and rising again!</i>
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5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **1 John 3:5**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage.

SAY	<i>We revealed the words of our key passage when we removed the sticky notes. To reveal something means to show it clearly. God showed Jesus to the world by sending Him to earth. God's plan was for Jesus to take away sin by dying for us and rising again.</i>
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HINT: You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **Take Away Sins**



6. PRAY

SAY	<i>Jesus, thank You for dying for our sin even though You never sinned! We are thankful to read what You taught Nicodemus so that we could learn it too! Thank You for being our great Teacher and our Savior. Amen.</i>
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ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

1. MAKE AND DISPLAY SNAKES

Provide each preschooler with a small amount of play dough. Guide them to roll and shape the dough into a snake. Give each child two craft sticks. Demonstrate how to use a glue dot to attach the sticks in the shape of a cross. Instruct the preschoolers to gently drape their play dough snake over the cross they made.

SAY	<i>Jesus reminded Nicodemus of the story of Moses placing a bronze snake on a pole. When people who had been bitten by a snake looked at the pole, they were saved. Jesus said He would be lifted up on a pole like the snake. Show me your snakes. The pole they are on looks like a cross. Jesus died on a cross for our sins. If we trust in Jesus, we will be saved from sin, like the people were saved from the snake bites. Jesus taught that anyone who believes in Him will have life with God forever.</i>
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2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

Take Away Sins (1 John 3:5)

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No, no, no, no

He was revealed so that He might
Take away sins, take away sins, take away sins

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And there is no sin in Him, no sin in Him
There is no sin in Him, First John three five

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