Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What makes Jesus different than other teachers?
- How is a person "born again"?
- What can you do if you don't understand something you read in the Bible?

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Jesus and Nicodemus

John 3

STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT THAT WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.

One night, a religious man came to see Jesus. The man's name was Nicodemus. Nicodemus wanted to know more about Jesus. "Rabbi," he 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."

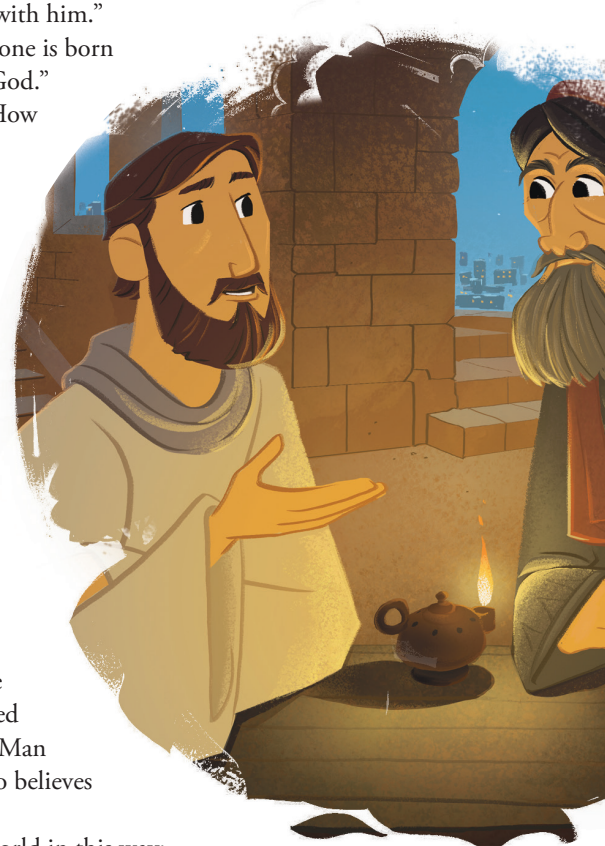
Jesus said, "I tell you: Unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Now Nicodemus was confused. "How can anyone be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked.

Jesus said, "A person cannot enter God's kingdom unless he is born of water and the Spirit." When a baby is born, he gets physical life from his parents. Physical life doesn't last forever. But the Spirit gives people a better kind of life—spiritual life—so they can live with God forever. Jesus said, "Don't be surprised I told you that you must be born again." Nicodemus still didn't understand.

"How is this possible?" he asked.

Jesus said, "Do you remember how Moses raised up the bronze snake in the wilderness? Everyone who looked at it was healed. Like that, the Son of Man will be raised up, so that everyone who believes in Him will have eternal life."



Then 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."

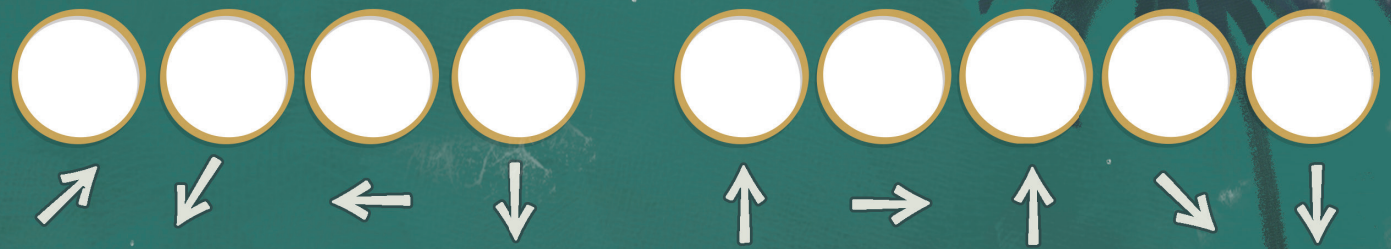
Christ Connection: Nicodemus needed new life—eternal life—but he could not do anything to earn it. Eternal life is a gift that comes only from God. God showed His love in this way: He sent His one and only Son to save the world. Everyone who believes in Him will not perish but will have eternal life.

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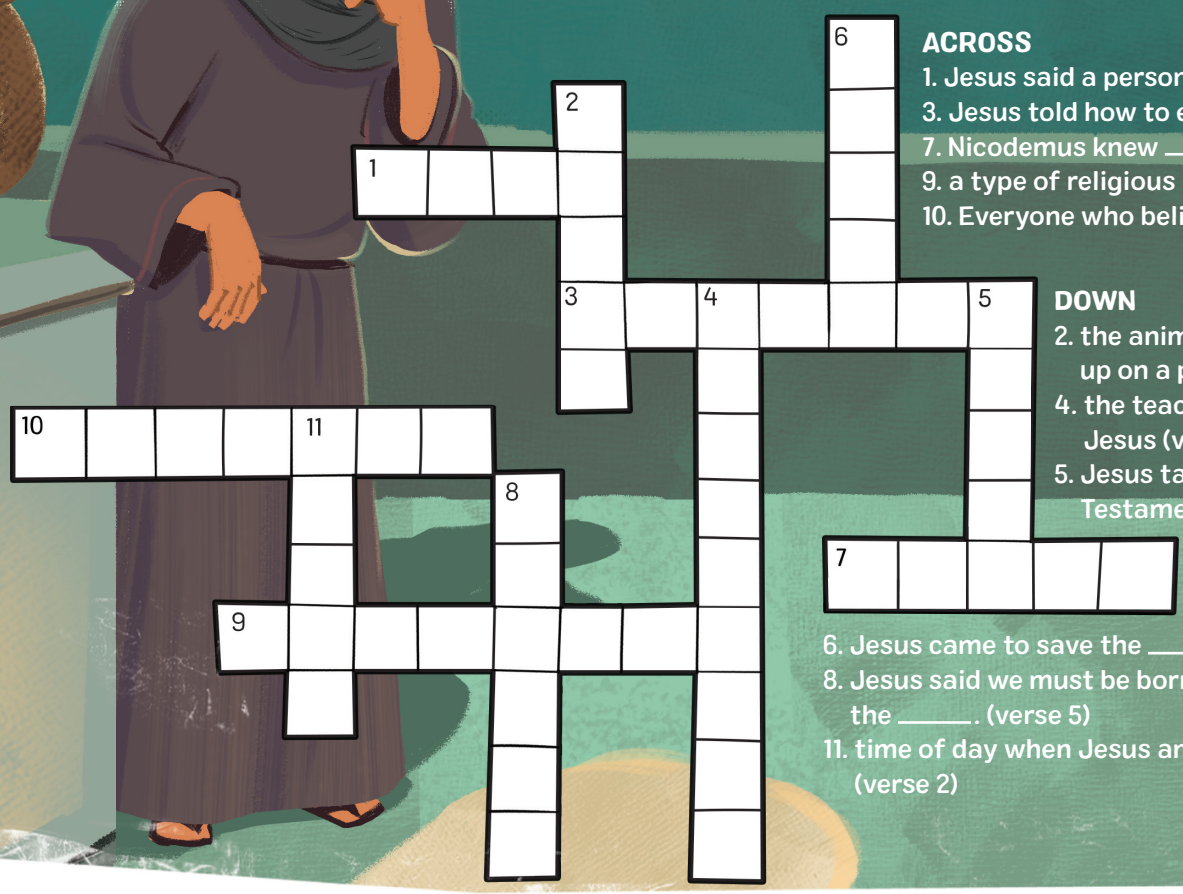
Use the key to decode the phrase that describes becoming God's child and receiving eternal life.





Crossing Paths

Use the clues and references from John 3 to complete the crossword puzzle.

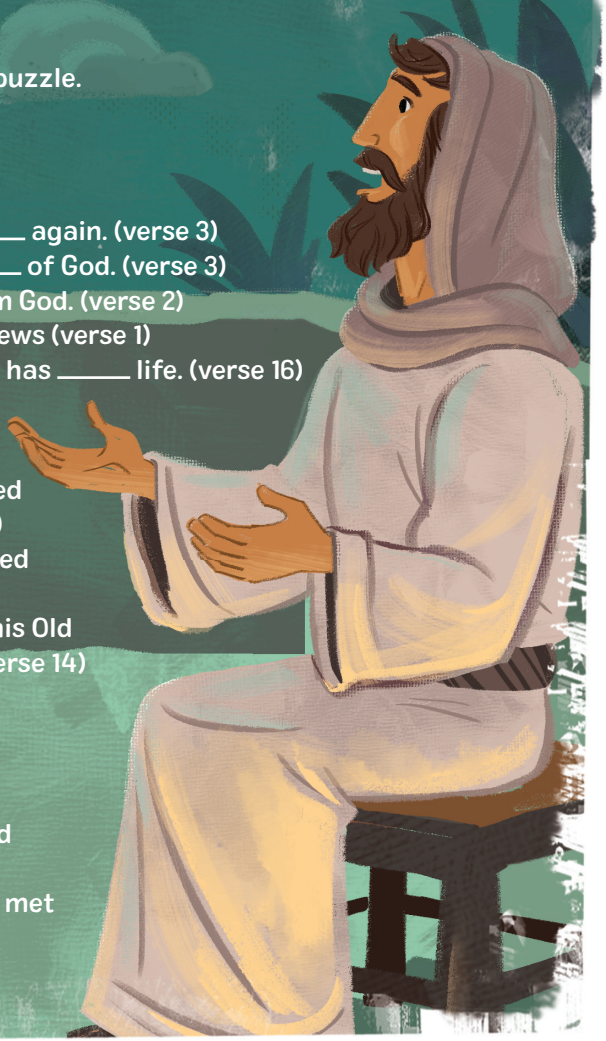


ACROSS

1. Jesus said a person must be _____ again. (verse 3)
3. Jesus told how to enter the _____ of God. (verse 3)
7. Nicodemus knew _____ was from God. (verse 2)
9. a type of religious ruler of the Jews (verse 1)
10. Everyone who believes in Jesus has _____ life. (verse 16)

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2. the animal Moses lifted up on a pole (verse 14)
4. the teacher who visited Jesus (verses 9-10)
5. Jesus talked about this Old Testament person. (verse 14)
6. Jesus came to save the _____. (verse 17)
8. Jesus said we must be born of water and the _____. (verse 5)
11. time of day when Jesus and Nicodemus met (verse 2)



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