

Talk About It:

- What is one special thing you know about Jesus?
 - How has Jesus shown his love for you? How do you know Jesus loves you?
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Read About It:

Read this story about Jesus and Nicodemus [Nick-Oh-Deem-Us] from John 3:1-16*.

There was a man named Nicodemus and he worked for the church. He was probably pretty important. He had heard about Jesus and wanted to ask Jesus some questions about who he was and what he was doing. Nicodemus came to Jesus at nighttime and started asking Him how he was doing the amazing things he did.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed to be born again, and Nicodemus had a hard time understanding that. Was he supposed to shrink down and become a tiny baby all over again? How could that happen? Jesus explained that this was a different kind of birth. We have physical bodies and physical birth but being born again happens through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus meant that faith gives us new life. We become a new creation and have a special kind of “birth” that saves us eternally. Then Jesus told Nicodemus these words:

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”

What a beautiful gift! That message wasn’t just for Nicodemus. It’s for us, too!

- How do you think Nicodemus felt after he talked to Jesus that night?
- Jesus came so that we can have forgiveness of our sins and live with God forever. John 3:16 says that God sent Jesus because God loves us. What is one thing you love about God?

*adapted from <https://ministry-to-children.com/sermon-nicodemus-and-jesus-john-3/>

Sing About It:

Sing your thanks for all God has given you. Find this song on YouTube:

[Forever God, Forever Love](#) (Cross Culture Thailand VBS Music Video, Group Publishing)

Think About It:

- Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed to be born again – to trust in God so that he could have eternal life with God.
 - Nicodemus had a lot of questions about Jesus. What is one question you have about Jesus?
 - When we believe in Jesus, we receive the gift of eternal life. What do you think life with God forever will be like?
 - God loves the world so much that he sent his son, Jesus, to show us what God is like and to save us from our sins. How can you show God that you are thankful for all he has done?
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Make It:

You will need:

Cross cutout, colored tissue paper or construction paper, scissors, glue, yarn/string/tape

The cross is a symbol of Jesus' great love for us. Cut out the cross shape and decorate it with torn pieces of paper. Hang your cross somewhere that it can remind you to say thank you for Jesus' love for you.

Do It:

Jesus' love for us is so big, we can't help but share it! Here are some ways you can share Jesus' love with others this week:

- Tell someone one amazing thing you know about Jesus.
 - Gather your family together, then use LEGOs, stuffed animals, or dolls to act out a story you know about Jesus.
 - Draw a picture or write about Jesus' great big love and mail it to someone, or send them a picture of it from a grownup's phone.
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Pray About It:

Thank God for the great love of Jesus and for the way Jesus showed his love for us by dying on the cross and rising again to live forever, so that we can live forever with him.

Memorize It:

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

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