

Trekkers: 1st-3rd Grades

Needed: Paper & pen

Memory Verse:

1. Start a hand clapping rhythm where you clap your hands, then both hands hit the table (repeat).
2. Have your kid join in.
3. Then say the words of the verse with your kid, continuing this rhythm.
4. See if they can do the beat and say the verse by themselves.

Key Passage: “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

Say: This key passage was spoken by Jesus to Nicodemus. Jesus summarized the core of the gospel in these few phrases. God loves people. He showed His great love by sending Jesus to be the Messiah who would save us from sin. Everyone who believes in Jesus will live forever with God.

Discussion Questions to Ask Kids (Based on the Story):

1. **How did Nicodemus know that Jesus had been sent by God?** (because of the miracles Jesus performed, John 3:2)
2. **What did Jesus say must happen for a person to see the kingdom of God?** (The person must be born again, or born of the Spirit; John 3:3-6)
3. **Jesus said that He had been sent by God not to punish the world, but to do what?** (save the world, John 3:17)
4. **What does it mean to be born again?** Prompt your kid to think about the ending of their old, sinful lives and the start of their new lives in Jesus. Remind them that God declares sinners righteous when they believe in Jesus. God no longer sees believers as sinners, but as saints. Our new and eternal life with God starts as soon as we believe **the gospel**.
5. **What does it mean to have eternal life?** Discuss the idea that eternal life with God is not just regular life that never ends, but joyful, loving, obedient life that goes on forever. A believer’s new life begins right away. Even after physical death, our souls live with God forever. When Jesus returns, we will continue living with God in glorified bodies.
6. **Why did God send Jesus to save us?** Remind your kid that God loves people and always does what is for His glory and our good. We are special to God, and He wanted to save us from sin to show His goodness and love.

Say, “Jesus taught that we must be born again. God wants us to believe the gospel so we can have a personal relationship with Him forever.”

Activity: Stick to the Plan

In this activity, you will help your kids develop a plan on how to tell other people about Jesus!

1. **Write** the following phrases on separate sheets of paper.
 - a. Make friends.
 - b. Eat a meal together.
 - c. Explore the city.
 - d. Invite friends to your home.
 - e. Give them a Bible.
 - f. Talk about Jesus.
 - g. Pray for them.
 - h. Invite them to church.
 - i. Enjoy their company.
 - j. Tell them how to become a Christian.
2. **Place** the sheets on the floor around your room.
3. **Lead** your kid from sheet to sheet to discuss each step in this evangelism plan.
4. **Talk** about ways they might accomplish each step.

Say: “Missionaries like Heiden and Neena Ratner in Las Vegas, Nevada, are leading people to Jesus. Those steps were an example how someone might lead a person to Jesus. We can do those things, too! **Jesus taught that we must be born again.** When we help people come to know Jesus, we are helping them begin their new life as a Christian.