

# JESUS AND NICODEMUS

John 3:1–21



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## Jesus and Nicodemus



Nicodemus was a little confused. He asked Jesus, “But I am old. How can a man be born again? Can he enter his mother’s womb and be born a second time?”

Jesus explained, “Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

Nicodemus said, “How can this be?”

Jesus continued, “God gave His Son to the world. Whoever believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. God did not send His Son to judge the world but so that it may be saved. A person, who lives a truthful life and does good acts, does these things to live a godly life.”

Nicodemus was a Pharisee and a ruler of the Jews. He went to Jesus, one night and asked, “Rabbi, You must be a teacher from God because no one could do the things You do unless God is with Him.”

Jesus said to him, “Unless someone is born again, they cannot enter the kingdom of God.”

### Suggestions for the Teacher

#### Lead-In

Show the children a caterpillar and a butterfly. (In reality or a picture of it).

Ask them, what is different (caterpillar crawls on ground, is dirty, butterfly flies, is colourful, ...)

Alternatively let the children play the Holy Sealing of a child.



#### Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children.

- What does Nicodemus know about Jesus? (He recognises his power. He wants to learn more.)
- What does Jesus tell Him?  
(“You must be born again of water and the Spirit to enter the kingdom of God.”)
- What does Jesus mean by this?  
(If one is reborn with water and Holy Spirit he is spiritually transformed into a new creature.)  
What does this mean in order to enter the kingdom of God? (To share eternal life with God)

Have the children repeat...

- Jesus talked to Nicodemus about the rebirth out of water and the Holy Spirit.
- Anyone who wants to enter the kingdom of God must be baptised and receive the Holy Spirit.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Jesus told Nicodemus that he has to be reborn to gain eternal life.
- How are we reborn of water and the spirit? (By Holy Baptism and Holy Sealing)
- What does it mean to live in the new creature?  
(Believe in Jesus; live a life according to goodly truth; do good deeds, ...)

#### Repeat the Message

We must experience and believe in the rebirth out of water  
and the Holy Spirit to enter the kingdom of God.