

BIG IDEA

I'm invited to believe in Jesus.

BIBLE

Jesus and Nicodemus
John 3:1–17; Romans
10:9–13

ABOUT THIS WEEK

Have you ever been invited to a party and wondered what you needed to bring, how to get there, or even if you belonged? This week, we'll hear how Jesus welcomed Nicodemus' questions and helped him understand what it means to believe in God's plan through Jesus. Just like Nicodemus, we can bring all our questions and discover that **I'm invited to believe in Jesus!**

MEMORY VERSE

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." — John 1:12 (NIV)



DISCUSSION

BIBLE QUESTIONS

- **Who was Nicodemus?** Nicodemus was a Pharisee, or teacher of God's words, and a leader of his time.
- **What did Jesus tell Nicodemus?** That he must be born again.
- **Why did God send Jesus? What happens to people who believe in Jesus?** John 3:16 tells us God sent Jesus because God loved the world. Anyone who believes in Jesus will be saved and have eternal life.
- **Read Romans 10:9. How can we be saved?** When we declare that Jesus is Lord, and believe in our heart that he came back to life.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **What are the steps you take before you believe something or someone? Which steps have you taken with Jesus?**
- **Who is someone you trust to help you learn more about Jesus, and why do you trust them?**
- **When we believe in Jesus, what can we do that lets others know of our choice?**

ACTIVITY

WHAT TO DO

Provide blank scratch art paper and invite kids to draw out the scene of Nicodemus coming to visit Jesus at night.

WHAT TO SAY

Nicodemus came to see Jesus at night, but I'm sure their conversation probably felt like someone had flipped on a light for Nicodemus. Let's imagine what that scene might have looked like that night. We can invite light and color into the darkness on our papers. This light and color is similar to what Jesus brings into our hearts so we can remember: I'm invited to believe in Jesus.