FAMILY TAKE-HOME · KIDS

You Must Be Born Again

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 09 · November 8, 2026

WHAT I LEARNED TODAY

A man named Nicodemus came to see Jesus at night. He was an important teacher who tried very hard to keep all of God's rules. But Jesus told him, "You must be born again." That means God has to give us a brand-new heart, and we can't do it ourselves. Jesus reminded him of a time when God's people were bitten by snakes, and God told them to look at a bronze snake on a pole so they would live. Jesus said He would be lifted up too, so everyone who looks to Him and believes can have life forever!

Memory verse: "Jesus answered him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.'" John 3:3

TALK ABOUT IT AT DINNER

1. **Who came to see Jesus at night? Why do you think he came when it was dark?**
   Parents: Nicodemus was an important leader and didn't want to be seen. Talk about how Jesus knows us, even what nobody else sees, and loves us anyway.
2. **Can being good or following lots of rules give us a new heart?**
3. **What did the people bitten by snakes have to do to live?**
   Younger kids: Just look! God gave them the cure.
4. **Jesus said He would be "lifted up" like the snake. What was He talking about?**
   Older kids: Jesus died on the cross so that whoever believes in Him has eternal life.

WRITE IT DOWN

Only God can make my heart new because…

Instead of trying to fix things myself, I can look to Jesus when…

FAMILY CHALLENGE

One night at dinner, read John 3:1–15 together. Then read Numbers 21:8–9, and have everyone point up and say, "Look and live!" Say the memory verse together every night at bedtime. By Friday, see who can say it without looking.

☐ We read John 3 together ☐ We talked about the bronze snake ☐ I said the memory verse

PRAY TOGETHER

"Dear Jesus, we can't make our hearts new, but You can. Help our family look to You and believe You. Amen."

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