

Nicodemus Can't Save Himself

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Lesson Outline

- I. INTRODUCTION**
Can you think of one good thing you did today?
- II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS**
- A. **Slide 1**
Nicodemus had some questions and he hoped he could find answers.
 - B. **Slide 2** (John 3:1)
Nicodemus was a Pharisee.
 - C. **Slide 3** (Phylactery)
 - D. **Slide 4**
Pharisees tried to follow the laws to make themselves look good instead of following them because they loved God.
 - E. **Slide 5** (John 3:2)
Nicodemus knew there was something very different about Jesus because of the miracles He was doing.
 - F. **Slide 6** (John 3:2-3)
 - 1. Nicodemus went to the place Jesus was staying to talk with Him. 
 - 2. Jesus told Nicodemus that he would have to be born again to see God's kingdom.
 - G. **Slide 7** (John 3:4-16)
 - 1. Nicodemus did not understand. 
 - 2. Nicodemus was born in sin but Jesus wanted him to know that to be born again is to be made new—alive instead of dead in sin.
 - H. **Slide 8** (Bronze Serpent)
Jesus reminded Nicodemus of the bronze snake.
 - I. **Slide 9** (Jesus Overlay)
Jesus would be lifted up on a cross.
 - J. **Slide 10** 
Jesus came to the world to take your punishment for sin.
 - K. **Slide 11** (Word Up!)
 - L. **Slide 12**
Jesus wanted Nicodemus to know He came so people could be born again.
- III. CLIMAX**
Slide 13 (Word Up!)
Nicodemus needed to believe that only Jesus could save him from sin!
- IV. CONCLUSION** 
No matter how many good things you do or how many rules you obey, your good works can never save you. [John 3:15]

Scripture verses in parentheses are background text.
Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.

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Lesson Overview

Scripture	John 3:1-16
Supporting Scripture	John 19:38-42
Memory Verse	"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)
Teaching Objective	Children will recognize they are dead in sin and only Jesus can make them alive again.
Main Teaching	Only Jesus can give you new life.
Emphasis for Saved	The Holy Spirit will change your heart and help you do good.
Word Up!	Jesus gives new life!
Visual Aids	Flashcards 2-1—6
Lesson Type	Evangelistic Narrative

Schedule

	60 min	90 min
Small Group Time		
Attendance; snack; check Wonder Devotional Books and "Quiet Time Sheets;" "What Does it Mean to Praise God?" discussion	6	14
Opening		
Welcome, prayer, Word Up! teaching	2	5
Rules		
Review rules	2	2
Theme Song		
"What's the News?"	2	2
Memory Verse		
John 3:16 Repetition: "Unscramble"	7	10
Song		
"His Name Is Jesus" (visualized song)	2	3
Bible Lesson/ Invitation		
Nicodemus Can't Save Himself	15	18
Song		
"God Wants to Spend Time with Just You" (visualized song)	2	2
Wonder Time		
"God Wants to Spend Time with You"	4	6
Review Game		
"Birthday Points"	7	12
Song		
"That the World Might be Saved" (John 3:16-17)	3	3
Missions Time		
"Have You Heard?" <i>Glady's Aylward</i> , Part 2	6	8
Closing		
Announcements; prayer; hand out "Quiet Time Sheets"	2	5