

Nicodemus: Lesson 1

SuperTruth: Jesus came to save us.

SuperVerse: “God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him.” John 3:17 (NLT)

Bible Story: Luke 13:10–17; 14:1–6; John 3:1–16; 7:50–52; 19:39–40

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Nicodemus was a respected teacher who had studied the Scriptures for many years—yet he didn’t know something very important about God until Jesus revealed it to him. We will also head to the ski slopes to see what Chris, Joy, and Gizmo are doing. Spoiler alert: it’s all downhill for Gizmo!

- Jesus is invited to dine with some Pharisees. It is the Sabbath, so the religious leaders are upset when He heals a man.
- During a ski trip, a girl from school asks Chris what he believes about God. Superbook takes Chris, Joy, and Gizmo to Jerusalem, where Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader, secretly meets with Jesus. The children learn that everyone must be born again to see the kingdom of God.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Help Is on the Way! (15 minutes)

Objective: *Play a game about being saved.*

- In this game, we will save each other, but Jesus is the only **One** who can rescue us from our sins. That was His mission when He came to **earth**, not to judge us but to save us.

Game Instructions:

- In this game, two rectangles represent difficulties we face. You can’t get out of it alone, and you need someone to come and save you! The other two rectangles represent a place of safety. You will take turns tossing a rope to rescue your teammates in trouble, and then bring them to safety!

Teaching: Jesus Came to Save Us (15 minutes)

Objective: *Discuss our need for a Savior.*

- God’s standard is no sin at all—even one sin is too many! That is why Jesus came to save us.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (5 minutes)

- The craft is the Jesus Reveals Truth Page. The challenge is found in Window #1.

SuperVerse: Superbook Pop Up (5 minutes)

Objective: *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- God could have sent Jesus into the world to condemn and punish it. But we just learned that He loved us so much that He sent Him as our Savior.
- Divide the children into three groups and assign each a section of the SuperVerse to memorize. The groups will then line up and “pop up” to complete the entire verse in the proper order.

Prayer: Forgiveness Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- The Bible says that we all have sinned and need a Savior. Nothing we do on our own can save us. Jesus paid the price with His own life on the cross so we could be forgiven and saved.
- Today, in our prayer time, you will have the opportunity to silently ask Jesus to forgive you of any sins you are aware of, and also any that you aren’t.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Coin Object Lesson: Demonstrate how Jesus removes our sins. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Straying Game: Play a game to scatter and gather. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Maze Activity: Trace the route for Ellie to safely reach the bottom. | **Grade 1–3** | 10 min

Bible Activity: Look up and discuss verses about Jesus on the Sabbath day. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Four pieces of cardboard or poster board
- Marker
- Painter’s tape or masking tape
- Two 12-foot ropes or strings
- Bible or Superbook Bible app

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Life jacket or life ring
- Rope
- First aid kit
- Cross Image Page or Cross
- Scissors
- Glue stick or tape.
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Discipleship Challenge materials:

- Jesus Reveals Truth Page—one per child, plus extras
- Cardstock
- Children’s scissors—one pair per child
- Pencils
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

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