

# Nicodemus: Lesson 2

**SuperTruth:** We must be born again.

**SuperVerse:** Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." John 3:3 (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

In today's lesson, we will learn what Jesus told Nicodemus must happen for anyone to enter the kingdom of God. God has made a way for all of us to enter His kingdom.

- 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.
- In today's Bible Background video, we'll learn more about Nicodemus and the religious leaders of that day.

## SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game:** This Is How We Roll (15 minutes)

*Objective: Play a game with marbles and a tunnel.*

- The religious leaders thought they knew how to get to heaven. Today, many people believe there are many ways to get to heaven, but that is false.

*Game Instructions:*

- In this game, each player will roll five marbles on the table. The goal is to get them to roll through the tunnel box on the table and into the box on the floor at the other end of the table. The box on the floor represents the kingdom of God. Marbles must travel just one way—through the tube.

**Teaching:** It's a Must! (15 minutes)

*Objective: Discuss our need to be born again.*

- There are many views about eternal life and how to get to heaven. There are many false teachings on the internet, television, and even in some churches. We must know the truth!

*Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)*

- The craft is the Jesus Reveals Truth Page. The challenge is found in Window #2.

**SuperVerse:** SuperVerse Wave (5 minutes)

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

- Jesus only spoke truth. In fact, He called Himself the Way, the Truth, and the Life. The truth is that there is no other way to God the Father, except through Jesus.
- Eight children will hold SuperVerse cards. The rest of the class will say which child should be first, second, third, etc. Rearrange the eight children in that order and have them read their phrases again, creating a "wave" with their papers. Do this until the children are in the proper order.

**Prayer:** Born Again Prayers (5 minutes)

*Objective: Communicate with God.*

- Nicodemus only needed to believe in Jesus as His Savior. It's the same today. We must be spiritually born again.
- In our prayer today, I am going to give each of you a chance to receive Jesus as your Savior. If you already believe in Jesus, praise God! You can still repeat the words with us and pray in your heart for anyone who may believe in Jesus for the first time today!

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

**Review Game:** Play a game to review the lesson. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Coloring Activity:** Color a page about Nicodemus's meeting with Jesus. | **Grades 1–3** | 10 min

**Active Game:** Play a game to move objects through one opening. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Bible Activity:** Children read and discuss verses about Nicodemus. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

### Game Materials Needed:

- Marbles—about five per child plus extras
- Large unbreakable bowl to hold marbles
- Empty paper towel tube
- Small box to create a tunnel, no more than eleven inches deep; a shoe box is ideal, but to use a deeper box, substitute a wrapping paper tube for the paper towel tube
- Medium-size box to catch marbles as they fall
- 4–6-foot table
- Scissors
- Utility or craft knife
- Pencil
- Books—about six
- Tape

### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Dead End Sign
- Box with tube from Game
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

### Discipleship Challenge:

- Jesus Reveals Truth Page
- Cardstock—one per child who missed Lesson 1
- Sample craft made in Lesson 1

### SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- SuperVerse Wave
- 8 sheets of cardstock or paper
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App