

## Nicodemus: Lesson 3

**SuperTruth:** God's Spirit is alive in me.

**SuperVerse:** "And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you."

Ezekiel 36:26a (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

As Jesus explained to Nicodemus, when we believe in Jesus, we receive eternal life and the Holy Spirit gives us a new life in Christ.

- 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.
- Let's watch the Signposts video to learn about a spiritual birth that we all can experience and receive salvation through Jesus.

### SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

**Game:** Gone With the Wind (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *Play a game to move balls with air.*

- Jesus told Nicodemus that the wind blows wherever it wants, and you can't tell where it comes from. That is what this game is about: the invisible wind!

**Game Instructions:**

- The object of the game is to move a ball from one end of the table to the other end and into the box. The catch is that only the wind can move the ball!

**Teaching:** No Ordinary Man (15 minutes)

**Objective:** *Jesus came to save us.*

- The Pharisees were not impressed with Jesus' physical appearance. They believed He was just an ordinary man. Jesus quickly showed otherwise by healing a man before their very eyes.

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

- The craft is the Jesus Reveals Truth Page. The challenge is found in Window #3.

**SuperVerse:** Superbook Inside Giving (5 minutes)

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

- God places His Spirit inside everyone who believes in Jesus. His Spirit enables us to walk in His way and do His will. What we need to do then is listen and follow His leading.
- Divide the verse into five parts and write it on the board. The girls say lines 1 and 3. The boys say lines 2 and 4 and all say line 5 together. Then, turn backs to the board and say it from memory.

**Prayer:** Living Prayers (5 minutes)

**Objective:** *Communicate with God.*

- God's Spirit is alive in us. He will guide us into God's truth, so we can live in a way that pleases God. However, God has given us a free will. He will not force us to follow His direction.
- Let's bow our heads and close our eyes. Let's pray silently and commit to following the Holy Spirit's leading. That means when He speaks to your heart, you will choose to follow.

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

**Relay Game:** Play a game to exchange your heart. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

**Object Lesson:** Demonstrate the SuperVerse. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

**Craft:** Make a craft based on Ezekiel 36:26. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

**Bible Activity:** Race to find verses about God's indwelling Spirit. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

#### Game Materials Needed:

- Four paper plates—two are extras
- Four ping pong balls or plastic golf balls
- Two medium boxes
- 4–6 books
- Two rectangular tables—4–6 feet long
- Bible or Superbook Bible app

#### Teaching Materials Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Three sheets of paper or cardstock
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App
- Discipleship Challenge
- Jesus Reveals Truth Page—one per child who missed Lessons 1 and 2
- Cardstock
- Sample craft made in Lesson 1

#### SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker or chalkboard and chalk

#### Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App