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along with this booklet. When you see a notation like
(?1), that means you should stop reading this booklet
and open the question sheet and answer that question,
question number 1, in the question sheet.

JESUS & THE RELIGIOUS MAN

John 3: 1–17



After dark one evening, a Jewish religious leader named Nicodemus, a Pharisee, came to speak with Jesus. ... John 1: 1-2

Characters in the story:

Narrator: Story teller
Jesus: Jesus
Nicodemus: A very religious man, a Pharisee
Bible Reader: Reads Bible verses

Jesus & Nicodemus

John 3: 1 - 21

Narrator: 1 After dark one evening, a Jewish religious leader named Nicodemus, a Pharisee, came to speak with Jesus. (? 1)

Nicodemus: "Teacher," **Narrator:** he said,

Nicodemus: "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are proof enough that God is with you." (? 2)

Narrator: 3 Jesus replied,

Jesus: "I assure you, unless you are born again, you can never see the Kingdom of God." (? 3)



How to Grow into a Mature and Beautiful Person as a Member of God's Family

Four (4) important things to do if you want to be a happy, healthy and growing child of God - Christian.

1. **LEARN THE BIBLE:** Spend time every day learning what God says in the Bible and doing it. Just as a baby drinks its mother's milk to grow, we are supposed to drink in (read and obey) God's words as found in the Bible.

The Bible says: *...like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.*
I Peter 2: 2-3 NASB

2. **PRAY:** Talk to God daily. Tell Him how you feel; ask God to help you get to know Him better. Ask God to bring good people into your life.

3. **DEVELOP CHRISTIAN FRIENDSHIPS:** Start spending time with other Christians who love God and want to live good lives.

4. **FALL IN LOVE WITH JESUS:** The more you get to know Jesus, the more you are going to love him and want to live a life pleasing to him. Ask Jesus to help you get to know him better and better.

THE GOOD NEWS

I Corinthians 15:1 Now let me remind you, dear brothers and sisters, of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then and still do now, for your faith is built on this wonderful message.

2 And it is this Good News that saves you if you firmly believe it...

3 I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me--that **Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.**

4 He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, as the Scriptures said.

How to Become a Member of God's Family

John 1: 12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

13 They are reborn! This is not a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan--this rebirth comes from God.

John 5: 24 "I assure you, those who listen to my message and believe in God who sent me have eternal life. They will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life.

I John 5: 11 And this is what God has testified: He has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

12 So whoever has God's Son has life; whoever does not have his Son does not have life.

13 I write this to you who believe in the Son of God, so that you may know you have eternal life.

Nicodemus: 4 "What do you mean?"

Narrator: exclaimed Nicodemus.

Nicodemus: "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" (? 4)

Narrator: 5 Jesus replied,

Jesus: "The truth is, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.

6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven. (? 5)

7 So don't be surprised at my statement that you must be born again. 8 Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit." (? 6)

Nicodemus: 9 "What do you mean?"

Narrator: Nicodemus asked. Jesus replied,

Jesus: "You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don't understand these things? 11 I assure you, I am telling you what we know and have seen, and yet you won't believe us.

12 But if you don't even believe me when I tell you about things that happen here on earth, how can you possibly believe if I tell you what is going on in heaven?

13 For only I, the Son of Man, have come to earth and will return to heaven again. (? 7)

Jesus: 14 And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so I, the Son of Man, must be lifted up on a pole, 15 so that everyone who believes in me will have eternal life. (? 8)

Narrator: (This story about Moses and the bronze snake being lifted up on a pole is found in the book of Numbers, chapter 21.)

Bible Reader: Numbers 21: 4 Then the people of Israel set out from Mount Hor, taking the road to the Red Sea to go around the land of Edom. But the people grew impatient along the way,

5 and they began to murmur (complain) against God and Moses. Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness? they complained. There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this wretched manna!"

6 So the LORD sent poisonous snakes among them, and many of them were bitten and died.

7 Then the people came to Moses and cried out, We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take away the snakes. So Moses prayed for the people.

8 Then the LORD told him, Make a replica of a poisonous snake and attach it to the top of a pole.

Those who are bitten will live if they simply look at it!"

9 So Moses made a snake out of bronze and attached it to the top of a pole. Whenever those who were bitten looked at the bronze snake, they recovered!

(? 9)



Moses lifting up the bronze snake on a pole.



Jesus, "the Son of Man" being lifted up on a pole - the cross.

Jesus: 16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (? 10)

17 God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.

Bible Reader: Other Verses

I Peter 2: 24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

(? 11)

II Corinthians 5: 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (? 12)