

## Salvation

### How are we Saved?

#### OPENING:

Today we are going to talk about how Jesus is God's answer to our sin. We will learn that Jesus died on the cross for us, and purchased our place in Heaven. Jesus got what He did not deserve, **to keep us from getting what we do deserve**, that is eternal death and separation from God.

**Read: "Born Twice" from the Action Bible**

**Read: John 3:1-21**

#### ***Jesus and Nicodemus***

*3 There was a man named Nicodemus who was one of the Pharisees. He was an important Jewish leader. <sup>2</sup> One night Nicodemus came to Jesus. He said, "Teacher, we know that you are a teacher sent from God. No one can do the miracles you do, unless God is with him."*

*<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. Unless you are born again, you cannot be in God's kingdom."*

*<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said, "But if a man is already old, how can he be born again? He cannot enter his mother's body again. So how can he be born a second time?"*

*<sup>5</sup> But Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. Unless you are born from water and the Spirit, you cannot enter God's kingdom. <sup>6</sup> A person's body is born from his human parents. But a person's spiritual life is born from the Spirit. <sup>7</sup> Don't be surprised when I tell you, 'You must all be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wants to go. You hear the wind blow. But you don't know where the wind comes from or where it is going. It is the same with every person who is born from the Spirit."*

*<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus asked, "How can all this be possible?"*

*<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "You are an important teacher in Israel. But you still don't understand these things? <sup>11</sup> I tell you the truth. We talk about what we know. We tell about what we have seen. But you don't accept what we tell you. <sup>12</sup> I have told you about things here on earth, but you do not believe me. So surely you will not believe me if I tell you about the things of heaven! <sup>13</sup> The only one who has ever gone up to heaven is the One who came down from heaven—the Son of Man.<sup>[a]</sup>*

*<sup>14</sup> "Moses lifted up the snake in the desert.<sup>[b]</sup> It is the same with the Son of Man. The Son of Man must be lifted up too. <sup>15</sup> Then everyone who believes in him can have eternal life.*

<sup>16</sup> "For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son. God gave his Son so that whoever believes in him may not be lost, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him.

<sup>18</sup> He who believes in God's Son is not judged guilty. He who does not believe has already been judged guilty, because he has not believed in God's only Son. <sup>19</sup> People are judged by this fact: I am the Light from God that has come into the world. But men did not want light. They wanted darkness because they were doing evil things. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light. He will not come to the light because it will show all the evil things he has done. <sup>21</sup> But he who follows the true way comes to the light. Then the light will show that the things he has done were done through God."

## Discuss

- Nicodemus had big questions to which he needed answers. So, he went to Jesus to receive answers to his questions.
- We too can go to Jesus to answer our difficult questions.
- Sometimes the answers are in the Bible, and sometimes we just need to trust that God knows the answer and He is in control.
- Nicodemus was confused about the difference between spiritual things and physical things. How can we be born again? Born a 2<sup>nd</sup> time?
- Explain that spiritual things cannot be touched like physical things. Point out that your child's hand can be touched, but his soul cannot be.
- You may continue to speak about things we can see and things we cannot by asking the child to identify which an object is.

All people have a spirit, soul, and body. With our body, we interact with our physical environment (the things we see, smell and touch).

We interact with the spiritual environment with our soul and spirit. Although we can't see the spiritual environment with our physical eyes, this does not mean that the spiritual environment does not exist.

## 2. **WE MUST BE BORN AGAIN** (John 3:3)

Nicodemus was a devoted teacher and doer of the law God gave the Israelites through Moses. Yet, Jesus still told him the last thing he was lacking; being born again. Point out that doing good things isn't enough.

This tells us that we must not just be good. How will we be good enough?

We need to trust in Jesus and have him clean our souls.

When Jesus tells us that we must be born again, He reminds us that our present condition is hopelessly unresponsive. Apart from His amazing grace in our lives, we can't regain spiritual life. In our natural childbirth, it was our mothers who bore the pain of our birth. Jesus bore the pain of the cross so that we could have new life in Him.

Talk about how Jesus came into the world to save our souls, make us clean, and give us eternal life.

One of the most famous verses of the Bible is found in this passage, **John 3:16**. It shows us how God made a public display of love to the world by sending Jesus His son to die for us that we might be saved.

**This shows us how much God loves us.** It cost Him so much to send Jesus to the world to die for our sins. We must never forget that we are loved by God greatly. If he gave His only son for us to be saved, will he not freely give us all things? (Romans 8:32).

In addition, we should allow this love God has for us to motivate our living. If God loved to the extent that He gave His Son, nothing should be too big for us to give to Him.

- We must learn to navigate life through our spiritual senses and not just the physical.
- Good actions are not enough. We must be born again.
- God loves people so much; Jesus came to save us. We should also reciprocate the same extent of love to Him.

## How do we accept Jesus into our hearts?

Read: Romans 10:9-10

*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from death, then you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> We believe with our hearts, and so we are made right with God. And we declare with our mouths to say that we believe, and so we are saved.*

- You pray and ask God to forgive you of your sins.
- You believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and rose again 3 days later.
- You ask Jesus to come live in your heart.
- You share with others what God has done for you!

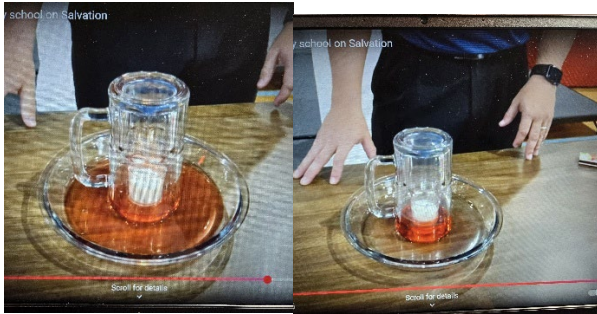
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So, once you've accepted Jesus into your heart, what do you think happens to your heart?

## Salvation Object Lesson

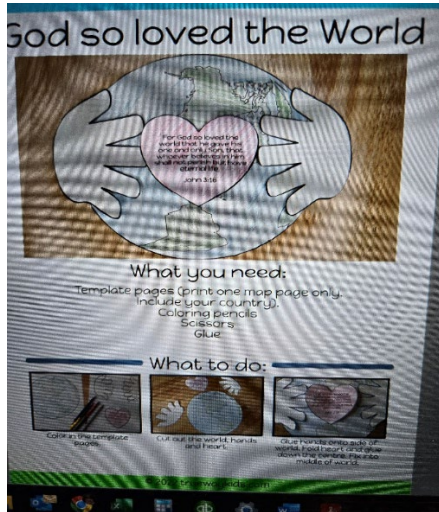
Jesus is the Light that takes away our sin and saves us.

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**Memory Verse:** *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16*

## Craft: God So Loved the World



VIDEO -God's Story – The Good News

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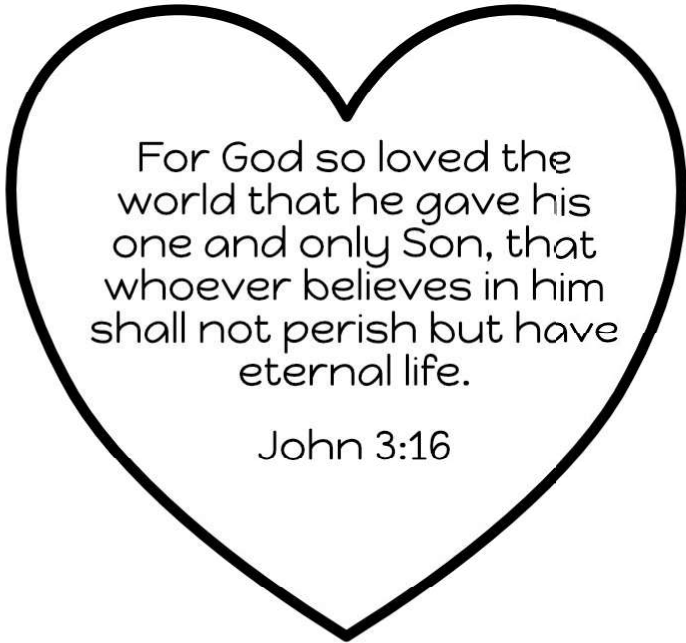
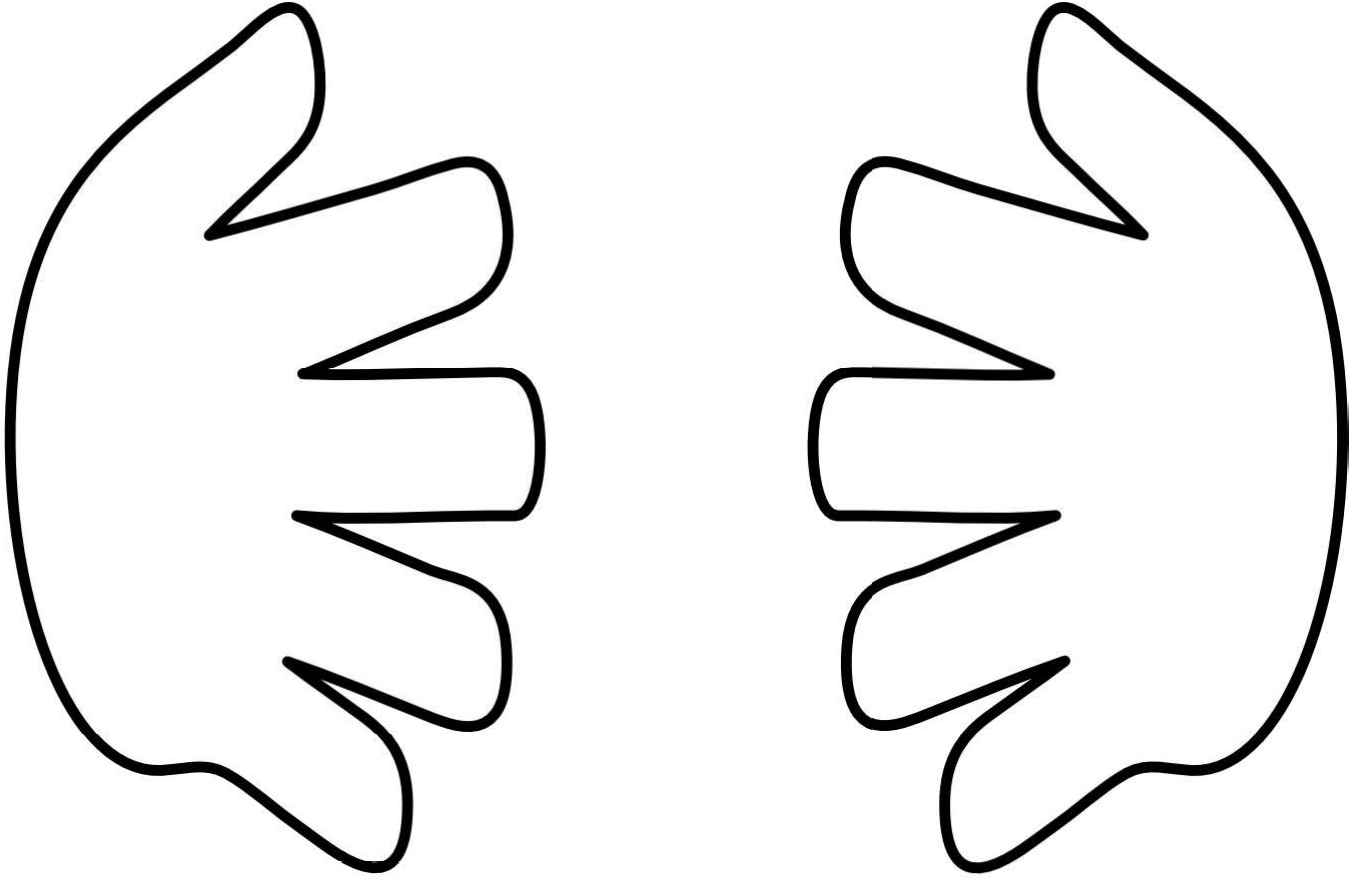
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Feel free to take a picture of their art work or share how your activity went! Post it on our Facebook page or share it on GroupMe. Have a Blessed Day & Week! Until we can meet again

~ Teacher Chrissy

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- John 3:3

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