



## Family Conversation Guide

(February 14 , 2021)

This week, we continue learning about **Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus**. In **John 3:16-21**, Jesus explains why He was sent into the world and how we can be saved.

### LISTEN

Ask your family members who can read to bring their Bibles. Help everyone look up the scripture ([John 3:16-21](#)) so that they can follow along as they listen to the sermon. Give out paper and pens or markers so that everyone can take notes or draw as they listen.

### READ AND DISCUSS

After listening to the sermon, open your Bibles to [John 3: 16-21](#).

1. In last week's sermon, **an important man wanted to meet with Jesus at night**. Can you remember his name? Why did Nicodemus want to meet with Jesus? (*He wanted to know how Jesus was performing miracles*)
2. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus that **he needed to do?** (*He must be born again*)
3. Nicodemus was able to meet with Jesus and ask Him questions. **If you had an hour with Jesus, what would you ask Him?**
4. Read [John 3:16](#). David Chadwick explained that God (in 3 persons) so loved the world. What are the **names for God in 3 persons?** (*The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit*)
5. Why did God create us? (*So He could have a relationship with us, and share His love with us.*)

6. God is a giver. What are some of the gifts God has given us? **What is the most important gift God gave us?** (*He sent His Son, the most precious gift He could give, to rescue us.*)
7. In [verse 21](#), who did God give **this gift of salvation** to? (*Whoever believes in Him*)
8. How can knowing **God loved us so much** help us? (*We know how valuable we are to Him*)
9. Besides wanting to share a relationship with us, why else did Jesus die for us? (*So that we could be saved from our sins, from going to Hell, and to join Him in heaven forever*)
10. **How can we be saved?** (*Believe in Jesus and follow Him*)
11. Do you ever feel **guilty for something** you have done? In [verse 18](#), Jesus says that once we have believed in Jesus, there is no condemnation. We can be forgiven of our sins and choose to be free of the bad things we have done.
12. Read [verses 19-21](#). Do you understand the difference between “living in darkness” and “living in the light?” What makes the difference? (*If we love Jesus, we want to do good things that shine His light into the world*)
13. Who **deserves the glory** when we do good things? (*Give Jesus alone the glory*)

## FAMILY CHALLENGE

Give everyone a piece of paper. **Ask them to write something they have done that they felt guilty about.** Then, have them fold the paper and hold it in their hand, fist clenched. Remind them that there is no condemnation for those who love Jesus. He has forgiven them and they can live their lives in the light, not darkness. Walk to each person with a bowl or container, and encourage them to **tear up** the piece of paper, letting it fall into the container. **Then, have them hold their hands out, palms up, while you pray.**

## PRAY

*“Dear Jesus, Thank You for rescuing us from the bad things we have done. Thank you that we don’t have to feel guilty and ashamed! We open our hands to receive Your love. Help us to do good things for you and to shine Your light into the world so that other people can know You too. Amen.”*

## MEMORY VERSE

Give everyone a blank index card and ask them to write John 3:16, such an important verse that explains what Jesus has done for us. They can also use markers or crayons to decorate the card. (Since it's Valentine's Day, you can even decorate with heart stickers!) When they are finished, ask them to put the card somewhere they will see it and memorize it. At mealtime, ask everyone to recite the verse together.

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life. John 3:16"