

Jesus Is My Friend

Lesson 4 — Born Again!

SCHEDULE

1. **Pre-Service**
 - Group playtime
2. **Warm Up**
 - Color page
3. **Pre-Large Group**
 - President
 - Pastor Mac & Lynne
 - Offering
 - LG Rules
4. **Large Group**
5. **Small Group**
 - Small Group Notes
 - Prayer
6. **Wrap Up**
 - Snack
7. **End of Service**
 - Parent pick up
 - Put on video-if needed

HERE IS WHAT I SAY!

Father God,
Thank you for
sending Jesus. I
believe in my
heart that He died
for me and was
raised from the
dead to bring me
back together with
You. I am born
again!
In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

THE BASICS

1. **BIBLE VERSE: John 3:7**, "You must be born again"
2. **BOTTOM LINE:** Everybody needs a spiritual birthday
3. **BIBLE STORY: Nicodemus Learns the Most Important Lesson** (John 3:1-16; Rom 3:23, 5:9; John 6:32-40; Acts 16:31; John 20:31; Rom 10:9-10, John 15:9-17)

Nicodemus was a teacher and leader in the Jewish church (synagogue). He knew a lot *about* God, but he had heard Jesus talking about God as if He actually *knew Him!*. One night Nicodemus went out to find Jesus and ask Him some questions. He was sure Jesus could teach him a lesson *about* God. But Jesus had so much more to teach him! Jesus told him, "You must be born again!" Nicodemus didn't understand, so Jesus began to explain. Just like you may not see the wind, but you know it is there, the Holy Spirit can make you new on the inside. Just like a baby is born into your family, when we ask Jesus into our hearts we are *born again* into the family of God. Everybody needs a spiritual birthday! It's not about knowing a lot *about* God; in order to go to Heaven you've got to become part of His family!

Point To Make: You must be "born" into God's family by believing God sent Jesus as His Son to make a way so we could ALL become God's children! When we believe and accept Jesus into our hearts, we become born again! (*Coaches, this is a good time for a "salvation check."*)

MAKE IT REAL

Picture: (*Baby with family; Jesus with open arms; 2 birthday cupcakes; cross*)

- Every baby is born into a family, just like you!
- When you ask Jesus into your heart, you are "born again" into God's family!
- Now you have *two* birthdays: when you were born into your family *and* when your asked Jesus into your heart and were born again!
- By His death and resurrection, Jesus made it possible for us to be born again!

QUESTIONS TO ASK

1. Does everyone have a birthday? (*Allow for responses*)
2. What is a "spiritual birthday?" (*When we become "born again."*)
3. How do we become born again? (*By asking Jesus into your heart*)
4. Who made it possible for us to be born again? (*Jesus!*)

Spiritual Exercise: *When I asked Jesus to live in me, I became part of God's family!*



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