

## Unit 9 Lesson 1 **Jesus Gives Us Eternity**

Heartprint: **Jesus Gives Us Forever Gifts**

Memory Verse: **John 3:3**

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**Large Group video:** <https://youtu.be/3SsJOkQ7sxA>

**Song:** *God Loves You and Me* <https://youtu.be/y1yTuODbyxo>

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### **Activity: Build a Kingdom**

#### Items Needed:

- Magnatiles/blocks/legos

#### Instructions:

Instruct the children to use blocks or Magnatiles to create a kingdom. Assist as needed.

#### Connection Point:

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is a real place that we can go to live with him forever. I believe that Jesus is the son of God who came to earth so that I could live with God forever.

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### **Craft: Jesus Made a Way color sheet**

#### Items Needed:

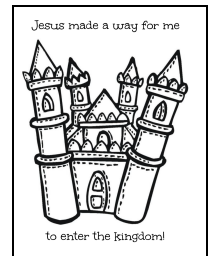
- Kingdom template
- Crayons

#### Instructions:

Gather the children around the craft area. Distribute the kingdom template and crayons to each child to color.

**Connection Point:** With God all things are possible, God made a way for us to enter His kingdom!

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### **Bible Lesson: Jesus gives us eternity**

**Memory Verse:** Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth. Unless you are born again, you cannot be in God's Kingdom." John 3:3 ICB <https://youtu.be/-uMXEESGD5k>

**This week's story is taken from John 3:1-21 (Nicodemus and Jesus):**

Can you tell me who lives in your home? (your family) Did you know that Jesus is alive today? He lives in a big kingdom! When Jesus was on earth He talked about His home all the time. He wanted

everyone to know they could come live with Him! Do you know how we go to the home of Jesus and live with Him in His kingdom?

In our story today a man asked Jesus this question. We will look in this book (hold up Bible) to hear more. What is this book? The Bible. What do we know about the Bible? The Bible is God's word. The Bible is always true and the Bible is always right.

Let's open our Bibles to Matthew 19:

Who do you ask if you need directions? Sometimes we need directions to the bathroom or to a classroom. I know when I am going to someone's house I have never been to, I always ask "How do I get to your house?"

When we ask directions, we ask someone who knows the way, right? We wouldn't ask someone who had never been there! They might tell us the wrong way!

Today in our story, a man named Nicodemus went to Jesus for answers. Now Nicodemus was a teacher of God's law but he came to Jesus for answers. Nicodemus said, "I know you are a teacher who comes from God."

Nicodemus said he knew it was true because of all the signs Jesus performed. The signs proved that Jesus was with God.

Then Jesus said something that made Nicodemus go "Hmmm." Can you do the thinking face? Hmmm!

Jesus told Nicodemus that no one could see the Kingdom of God unless he was born again.

What do you think is the kingdom of God? The kingdom of God is the place where God lives and the Bible tells us it is beautiful! Do you know anyone that has seen the kingdom of God? No, we don't know anyone who has seen how beautiful the kingdom of God is.

Jesus told Nicodemus that the only way to the kingdom of God is to be born again. NOW Nicodemus was even more confused! Nicodemus thought Jesus was going to answer his questions, but it seemed like Jesus made it more confusing.

Nicodemus said, "How can I be a baby again? That is silly!"

Jesus said, "You want to know the way to the Kingdom of God, you have to be born of flesh and spirit. There is no other way to get there." Jesus didn't mean people had to become babies again. He was saying that people would need to choose to follow Jesus and receive the Holy Spirit.

Then Jesus said, "Hey Nicodemus, aren't you a teacher? Shouldn't you know about these things?" Then Jesus said, "We talk about what we know and we know things because we have seen them. We have been there. No one has ever gone to heaven except the One who came from heaven, the Son of Man."

Jesus told Nicodemus where he was from - Jesus was from heaven. He was the Son of Man and the Son of God. Jesus then told Nicodemus where he was going. He said, "The Son of Man must be lifted

up so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him.” Jesus was trying to tell Nicodemus that he was going to the cross so that everyone could have life and find their way to the kingdom of God. How amazing is that? Jesus knows the way to the Kingdom of God because that is where He is from!

Jesus told Nicodemus why he came. Jesus came as the light of the world, but some people love darkness so no one sees the bad things they are doing. God sent Jesus not as a bad thing, but as a good thing. So he could tell people the way to the Kingdom of God; Jesus is the only one who knows the way.

I don't like the dark do you? It scares me. I like it when the sun is up and all the rooms have light. Then I can see where I am going. Jesus said that those who love the truth and love God's Word will also love the light, but those who are doing bad will never love the light.

Now that we know the way to that beautiful kingdom of God, we can follow Jesus there! He knows the way because he is the one and only Son of God, who came as the light of the world to show us the way to live with God forever. We only need to believe him when he tells us these truths!

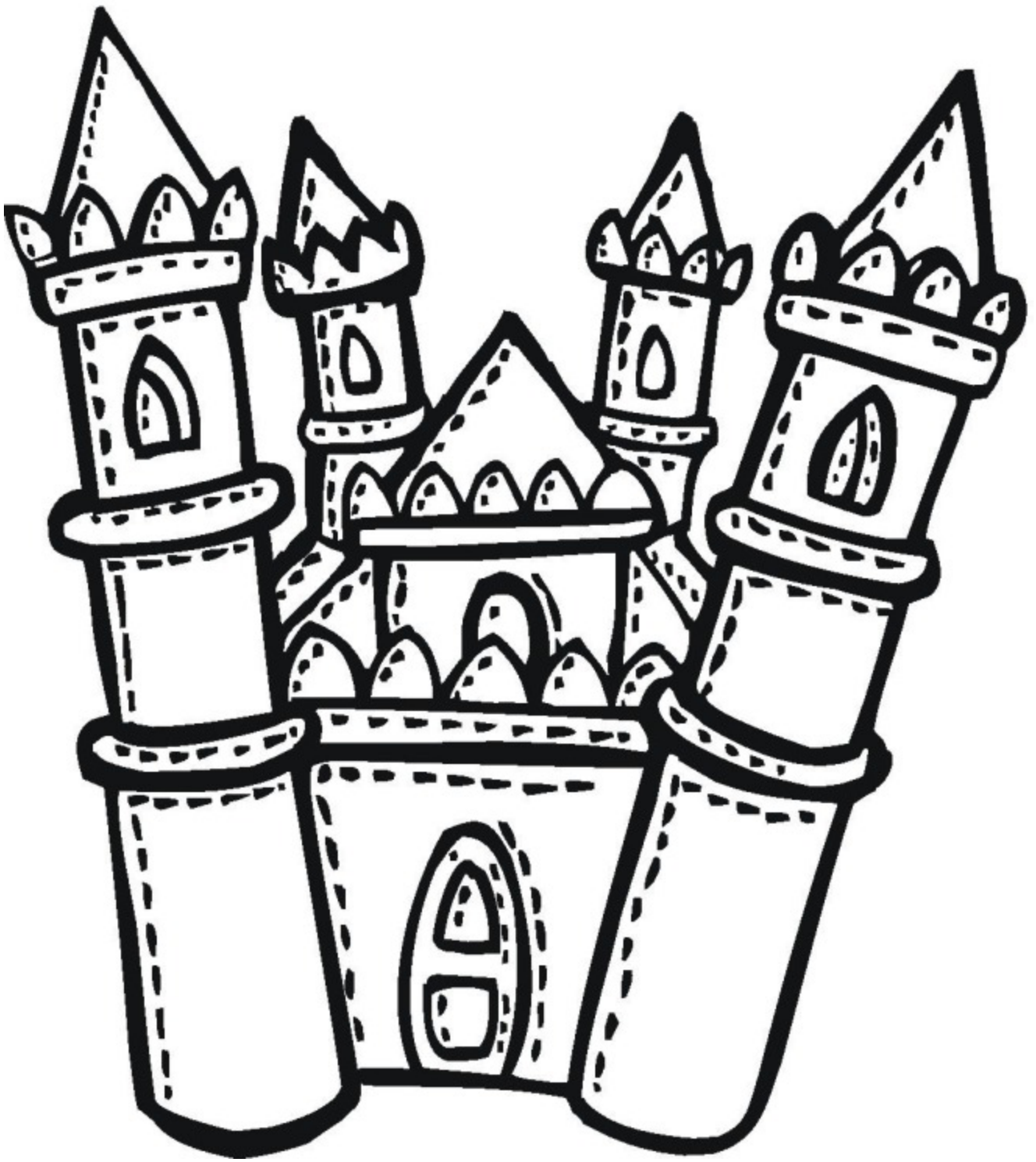
**Lets pray:**

God, thank you for sending your Son for us. Help us live in the light, to love your laws, and to tell others who are lost and need direction about the one who knows the way. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

**Questions:**

1. Why did Nicodemus come to Jesus? (To ask questions)
2. What did Jesus tell Nicodemus he must do to get to the kingdom of God?(be born again)
3. Where did Jesus come from? (Kingdom of God, heaven)
4. Who knows the way to the Kingdom of God? (Jesus)
5. Who is the only way to the Kingdom of God? (Jesus)

Jesus made a way for me



to enter the kingdom!



