

GOD IS OUR TEACHER

GOD TEACHES THROUGH JESUS

May 19 & 20

LESSON POINTS

Bible Story – Nicodemus – John 3:1-21

- * Nicodemus came to Jesus.
- * He saw that Jesus was doing God's work, but he didn't understand who Jesus was.
- * Jesus told Nicodemus that he could only understand if he was "born again."
- * Nicodemus ask Jesus to help him understand.
- * Jesus taught Nicodemus what it meant to be "born again."
- * Jesus told him that whoever believes in Him (Jesus) will not die but have everlasting life.
- * When we believe in Jesus, we are "born again."
- * This means we are born into God's family.
- * God taught Nicodemus through Jesus.

DRAMA IDEA

Main character is accompanied by Jesus the entire skit. The character has a fight with one of his/her friends and wants to fix it. First he/she tries his/her way, but soon character learns Jesus' way is better.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus mean by saying that we need to be "born again?"
2. Why didn't Nicodemus understand what Jesus was talking about?
3. What did Nicodemus think being "born again" meant?
4. Tell of a time when you asked God to help you understand something.
5. What has God taught you through Jesus?

ACTIVITY IDEAS

Memory Verse Pictures

Say the memory verse together as a class, then divide the class into a few small groups. Lay a sheet of butcher paper on the floor in front of each group. Tell the children to write out the verse using as few words as possible. They can use pictures instead to help them understand the verse better. When they are finished, let each group explain their pictures to the class.

Playing Teacher

Divide the class into groups of four or five. Let each group be in charge of teaching the class a portion of the memory verse. Let them create a song, chant, game, or picture to help teach the rest of the class the verse. Let each group have their turn teaching their section of the verse to the rest of the class. Compare this to how Jesus taught Nicodemus.

Lesson Objective

Children will learn that God is our Teacher and He teaches them through Jesus.

Life Application

Through learning that God is our Teacher, children will know that Jesus can teach them about their problems.

Memory Verse

Accept my teachings and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives.
Matthew 11:29