



# Life of Christ

## How can I become a Christian? John 3:1-21

### Younger Verse

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### Older Verse

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### Lesson Goals

To help children understand how to become a Christian  
To remember that everyone is special to Jesus

### Welcome Time

Have you ever wondered how a person can get to Heaven? How do you think we get there? (wait for responses—please do not chide wrong answers) Listen to the story and let's answer this question again at the end of the lesson.

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Nicodemus was an important leader in the town. We'll call him Nic. He wanted to talk to Jesus about how to get to Heaven, so he went to see Jesus one night. He was being secretive because he did not want his friends to see him with Jesus.

Nic asked Jesus his question, but Jesus answered Nic in a strange way. Jesus told him the only way to God's kingdom (Heaven) was to be born twice.

This confused Nic. He asked Jesus how a person could be born two times. Jesus told him that the first time a person is born as a baby (for us--in a hospital). The second time is when a person believes and trusts Jesus. The second birth means that a person changes his ways and follows Jesus with all his heart.

Jesus continued to tell him about God's love. He explained to Nic that God loved him so much that He had a plan so he could be in Heaven with God. Jesus explained that He was God's Son and that God gave Him so that whoever believes in Jesus will spend forever with God.

Several years later we find out what happened to Nic. When Jesus died, Nic and another man helped get a grave for Jesus. They showed that they loved Jesus. Can you imagine how excited they were when Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday morning?!

Nic trusted Jesus. He knew that the **ONLY** way to get into Heaven was by trusting Jesus and asking Him to come into his life. Nic did this. He was a different person after that. He started loving people and doing what Jesus would do.

Jesus can do the same thing in your life. When He comes into your life, He forgives you for **ALL** your mistakes. The best part is that He doesn't even remind you of those mistakes again. Well, what happens when you make more mistakes? You can go to Jesus and ask Him to forgive you and tell Him that you really want to do right. What do

you think He does? He forgives and helps you do what is right. It's not easy living for God instead of yourself. What are some ways you can do right things and avoid mistakes?

We learned a lot in this lesson. Can anyone tell me how they can become a Christian like Nic did? (Wait for answers—if some still give wrong answers, please go over the lesson again.)

**Learning Activities**

There is a list of activities in the packet. Use the one(s) that will help your children understand how they can become a Christian.

Nic's life was changed when he met Jesus. Some of the children may be wondering how they can trust Jesus. Please be sensitive. Kids are quick to please and may seem to understand. Take time to talk to them and ask questions. See if they know how they can get to Heaven. Share with them and listen to them.

Have you thought about letting your kids help? It is a good way for them to learn responsibility and grow in their understanding of what it means to follow Christ. They can help by reading a Scripture, counting the children, passing out cups, pouring juice, praying, or even going visiting with you.

**Memory Verse Activities**

There is a fun spinning wheel craft project to help the kids remember the verse. Be sure you bring enough fasteners for everyone. John 3:16 is the verse that most people say they know for memory. Challenge the kids to learn it too.

**Prayer Time**

Make a circle and hold hands. Pray for specific needs. Be sensitive to those who may want to ask Jesus into their lives. Please counsel one-on-one so that children are genuine in their decision for Christ.

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

Give the kids a new taste. Bring something different this week for snack. Remind the kids to pick up the trash and put all leftovers in the proper place.

Planning for February 10th  
Why did Jesus have to die?  
Lev. 16; John 1:29; 1 John 4:10

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
How can I become a Christian?

When you think of nighttime, what kinds of sounds or noises do you hear? You may hear crickets chirping or hear other animals making sounds. You can usually see the moon and the twinkling stars. Today's lesson is at nighttime. If possible, assemble your kids under a big table and tell the story as if it is night.

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## Hands-On Activities For How can I become a Christian?

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Make a FGSLTW Bracelet (FGSLTW means **F**or **G**od **S**o **L**oved **T**he **W**orld). You can use medical bands or make simple “beads” by cutting drinking straws into small pieces and writing the letters on them then threading them with yarn.

Use alphabet cereal or macaroni to spell out the verse. (Emily Wilcher has a picture like this that her dad made when he was little!)

Make the room look like it is night. Use flashlights and tell the story.

Fold paper to make the Cross demonstration. Kids love to know how to do this and will show others!

A fun way to share is with the Wordless book. See the attached page.

Nic was afraid of what his friends would think if they saw him with Jesus. So, he came to Jesus at night. We do not need to be afraid of what others think. The important thing is to learn about Jesus and follow Him. Talk about how we can deal with the pressures of people and what Jesus would do.

Bring Black or Dark Construction paper and make chalk pictures. Be sure to include the moon and stars!