

Jesus and Nicodemus

Aim

Jesus tells us that we need to be reborn to enter God's kingdom.

To understand God's love for us

Bible passage: John 3: 1-21

Did you know?

24th May is special because we celebrate a great man of God in the Methodist church, **John Wesley**. In 1738—almost 300 years ago he had a 'heart warming' experience and felt the Spirit of God working in his life. Wesley was responsible for the Methodist movement and we celebrate his life and work today. Older children— How about challenging your parent to a fun yes/no quiz all about John Wesley? Ask if you can go online and find out some facts about his life and what he believed, then challenge your parent to see what they do and didn't know about John Wesley.



What makes a good Christian? Reading your Bible, going to church, singing songs about Jesus, praying?

Yes!!! But we need more, we need the Holy Spirit to fill us up with the power of God! What does that mean to you?

Think about a tiny, plain caterpillar transforming into a beautiful butterfly, it is reborn from something ordinary to something truly amazing, and that is like the Holy Spirit living in us, it changes us, lets find out more.

Bible Time

Have a look on the TMC website for the video clip of Tamsin telling the story.

Read the passage from John chapter 3 verse 1-21 from a children's Bible, or watch this Youtube clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wEgxNlqqqY0>

Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed to be born again to be saved in God's kingdom. What does that mean? What do you have to do to be accepted into God's kingdom? Believe!!! Pray to God and ask Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit today.

Craft time

1. Jesus gives a new heart when we are reborn in God's love and accept the Holy Spirit.

Cut out a heart shape from paper or card and stick it onto another piece of card. Make some long arms out of tissue or other paper, you could concertina the paper arms if you like. Decorate the heart, remember to write the words 'God gives us a new heart' on your craft.



2. Make this card that transforms from a caterpillar to a butterfly. First fold a piece of paper or card in half. Then draw half a butterfly shape, with rounded wings, against the folded edge. Cut it out and colour in the top side to make it look like a plain little caterpillar. Open out the card and decorate your transformed butterfly inside, remember that just like that butterfly, God can transform you with His Holy Spirit!

