

CBC
FAMILY
WORSHIP
GUIDE

JOHN 3-4



MONDAY

Read John 3:1-15

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What did Nicodemus misunderstand about the new birth?
- Read Ezekiel 36:24-28. With this background in mind, what did Jesus mean when he said, "unless one is born of *water* and the *Spirit*, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (vs. 5)?
- How can man be born again?

The new birth is not the improvement of the human nature, but a creation of a new one.

- John Piper

Kids Discussion Questions

- This passage is all about what happens when someone becomes a real Christian. What would you expect to be different about someone after they give their lives to Jesus?
- Jesus says that becoming a Christian is like being born again. He also says that we must be born again to enter the kingdom of God. How can someone be born again? (*Hint: read vs. 14*)

Sing

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Joseph Hart

Pray

For the Lord to speak to you during your time in the Gospel of John this week.

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and power.

2 Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

3 Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness he requireth
is to feel your need of him.

4 Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.

5 I will rise and go to Jesus!
He will save me from my sin.
By the riches of his merit,
there is joy and life in him.

TUESDAY

Read John 3:16-21

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- Verse 16 is the most famous verse in the Bible. It's often forgotten that this verse comes in the middle of Jesus' discussion with Nicodemus. What does verse 16 have to do with the new birth?
- What does verse 19 communicate about human nature?

There was no necessity for Christ to come here to condemn us, for we were condemned already by our sin. Why, then, did Jesus come? He must have come upon an errand of mercy, to bring salvation to the lost. It is even so; God sent him for that very purpose, that he might give eternal life to as many as believe on him. Oh, the glorious freeness of this precious gospel!

- C.H. Spurgeon on verses 16-17

Kids Discussion Questions

- Can you say John 3:16 from memory?
- According to John, how did God show his love for the people of the World?
- John calls Jesus the light that came into the world (vs 19). Why would someone be afraid of light? (*Hint: read vs. 20*)

Sing

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Aurelius C. Prudentius

Pray

For the widows and
widowers of Calvary.

O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS - AURELIUS C. PRUDENTIUS

VERSE 1

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,
rolling as a mighty ocean
in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
is the current of thy love;
leading onward, leading homeward,
to thy glorious rest above.

VERSE 2

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
how he loveth, ever loveth,
changeth never, nevermore;
how he watches o'er his loved ones,
died to call them all his own;
how for them he intercedes,
watches o'er them from the throne.

VERSE 3

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
and it lifts me up to glory,
for it lifts me up to thee.

WEDNESDAY

Read John 3:22-36

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- What is John's point in verse 29?
- It's common in the modern world to believe there are many ways to enter the kingdom of heaven. What in John 3 opposes this false view?

To deny that Jesus Christ is the only Savior is to deny the utter seriousness of the human condition and the gravity of the offense against God. To deny that faith is the only way by which we may apprehend Christ's riches is to deny the uniqueness of the person and work of the Savior and to deny the clarity of His Word. At stake when we consider Jesus' claims to exclusivity is the gospel itself. The stakes could not possibly be any higher.

- Tim Challies

Kids Discussion Questions

- What does John the Baptist mean when he says, "he (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease" (vs. 30)?
- John the Baptist says that the joy he felt when he saw people go to follow Jesus was like the joy a man feels at his friend's wedding (vs. 29). Why would this make him joyful?

Sing

Give Me Jesus

Mark Rice

Pray

Pick a family from
Calvary to pray for.

GIVE ME JESUS - MARK RICE

VERSE 1

In the morning, when I rise,
in the morning, when I rise,
in the morning, when I rise,
give me Jesus.

REFRAIN:

Give me Jesus.
give me Jesus,
you may have all this world,
give me Jesus.

VERSE 2

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

VERSE 3

Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. [Refrain]

THURSDAY

Read John 4:1-45

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- Why was the woman shocked by Jesus' request for water?
- What does Jesus's phrase, "living water" communicate about him?
- Jesus tells the woman that the time was coming when true worshipers would not be marked by where they worshiped but by how the worshiped. What does it mean to worship in "spirit and truth" (vs. 23)?

Truth without emotion produces dead orthodoxy and a church full . . . of artificial admirers. . . . On the other hand, emotion without truth produces empty frenzy and cultivates shallow people who refuse the discipline of rigorous thought. But true worship comes from people who are deeply emotional and who love deep and sound doctrine. Strong affections for God rooted in truth are the bone and marrow of biblical worship.

- John Piper

Kids Discussion Questions

- Why was it surprising for Jesus to ask this woman for water? (*Hint: read vs. 9*)
- In verse 10, Jesus tells her that he could give her something incredible- what was it?
- How is knowing Jesus like drinking living water? (*Hint: read verse 14*)

Sing

My Jesus, I Love Thee
William R. Featherston

Pray

For the missionaries
Calvary helps to support.

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

- WILLIAM R. FEATHERSTON

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign;
my gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death,
and praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath,
and say when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

FRIDAY

Read John 4:46-54

Discuss

Adult and Student Discussion Questions

- What has stood out to you from John 3-4 this week?
- How did Jesus' statement in verse 48 prove to be true?
- What does this passage highlight about Jesus' authority?

Signs and wonders from God are obviously good things, but they should not form the foundation of our faith. We should not depend on them to prove God to us. In themselves, signs and wonders cannot change the heart; Israel saw incredible signs at Mount Sinai and even heard the very voice of God, yet a short time later they worshiped a gold calf.

- David Guzik on verse 48

Kids Discussion Questions

- What is one thing that has stood out to you during our time in John's Gospel this week?
- What might have surprised the official about the way Jesus healed his son? (*Hint: read verse 49-50*)

Sing

Doxology
Thomas Ken

Pray

For the children of
Calvary to come to know
saving faith in Christ.

DOXOLOGY - THOMAS KEN

1

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

2

Praise God the Father who's the source;
Praise God the Son who is the course;
Praise God the Spirit who's the flow;
Praise God, our portion here below!