

Digging Deeper

Family Devotions

How to use 'Digging Deeper' for the 'Jesus and' series.

To help you through our 'Jesus and...' series, each week we will provide three devotions. We encourage you to read these passages with those in your household at a time that suits, and use the questions to guide you as you talk about and reflect on how Jesus related to the people he met and how we are to relate to Jesus.

We looked at several different Bible translations when creating these questions. Feel free to use any version as you work through them with your family.

Memory Verse Challenge

The first memory verse for our 'Jesus and the People He Met' series is from John 3:16. Flip your hat backwards and get your groove on as you join Aneeka and her 'cool kid' friends in our memory verse chant. You can find the memory verse video in the 'Jesus and the Fisherman' folder on google drive or you can watch on YouTube at: <https://youtu.be/Ur-FzgOZCqE>

Something to Remember

As we look at how Jesus related to the people he met in the gospels, we will see that Jesus wants all people to know him, trust him and be part of God's Kingdom forever.

As you look at each passage, keep asking:

- a) What do we learn about who Jesus is and what he is like?
- b) What do we learn about how people are to relate to Jesus?
- c) Who can I tell about Jesus?

Devotion 1- John 3: 1-15

Nicodemus visits Jesus alone and under the cover of darkness at night. We are told he is a very religious man and it's likely that he lived a very good and upright life. He would have thought that he was right with God. But was he?

Note for parents: In this section Jesus uses 'earthly' wording to describe 'spiritual' realities. In other words, Jesus is not literally talking about the 'earthly' event of being born again, he is talking about what is happening on a spiritual level, the spiritual reality of being changed by God, being given a new life with God.

1. Jesus tells Nicodemus that to be made right with God and therefore to see God's Kingdom, he would have to be "born again". What does it mean to be "born again"?
2. What does Jesus say we need to do to be right with God and receive eternal life? (v15)
3. Have you asked God to change you and give you a new life that lasts forever by trusting in Jesus?

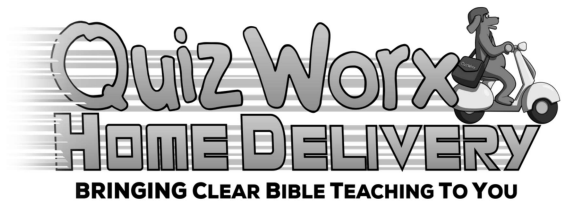
Pray

Thank God that he changes us & gives us new life when we trust Jesus.

Pray for someone you know who needs to hear about Jesus and be changed by him.

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Devotion 2 – John 3: 16-21

This section contains one of the most well-known verses in the Bible – John 3:16. Watch the Memory Verse video to help you remember it, then let's discover more about why it is such a wonderful verse.....

1. How does God show his love for the world?
2. Why did God send Jesus into the world?
3. What does God promise for those who believe in Jesus?

Pray

Give thanks to God that he sent Jesus into the world to rescue everyone who believes in Jesus.

Ask God for opportunities to tell others about how God loves them too.

If you need help to believe in Jesus, ask God to help you to believe.

Devotion 3 – John 7:45-52 & 19:38-42 *(for those with younger children, just read 19:38-42)*

We meet Nicodemus again only two more times in the Bible, in John chapter 7 and 19. We see that meeting with Jesus must have had a big impact on Nicodemus. Let's see how his life had been changed by meeting Jesus...

1. How does Nicodemus' question to the other religious leaders in John 7:45-52 show that Nicodemus' life had been changed by Jesus? What did they do in response?
2. In John 19:38-42 Nicodemus helped bury Jesus. Nicodemus brought with him a huge amount of burial spices (34kg!). How might these things show that Nicodemus' life had been changed by Jesus?
3. Has Jesus changed your life? How have you seen that change in the way you speak, act and think?

Pray

Praise God for how he changes lives because of Jesus.

Thank God that Jesus can change anyone. Do you know anyone who needs to find out about Jesus? Pray for them. And then you could invite them to watch Quiz Worx Home Delivery with you.