

## NICODEMUS AND SAMARITAN WOMAN MEET JESUS

### Scripture:

John 3:1-21; 4:1-42

**Memory Verse:** *John 3:36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him.*

### OR

*John 4:25,26 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" called Christ "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."*

**Objectives:** As a result of this lesson, I want my students

To Know—When Nicodemus, a respected Pharisee came to Jesus secretly by night and Jesus explained to Him that He was the Savior who could offer new life, Nicodemus kept his belief secret for fear of the Jews, but when Jesus talked with a despised Samaritan woman in the middle of the day and explained to her that He was the Savior who could offer abundant life, she openly proclaimed her belief in Jesus and many more Samaritans believed as a result.

To Realize—Jesus offers new and abundant life to whoever is willing to receive and believe in Him.

To Respond by—coming to Jesus for new and abundant life, and sharing openly about it.

### Setting up the Story:

Divide the boys and girls up. Have the boys look in John 3 and the girls look in John 4. Have them come up with as many difference as possible between the two (example: Nicodemus was a man, Samaritan was a woman—etc.) Either write their answers on the board as they call them out, or have them come alternately to the board to write their findings.

### Scripture Telling the story:

- I. Nicodemus Comes to Jesus
  - A. Man of position
    1. of the Pharisees
    2. of ruling council
    3. respected teacher
  - B. Comes at night and admits Jesus is from God: miraculous signs
  - C. Jesus Tells Nicodemus of new life
    1. in order to see kingdom of God
    2. Nicodemus doesn't understand
    3. Jesus says it's a spiritual birth

### As you tell the story:

Fill in the two sides of the worksheet with the answers the students come up with. You might want to add a couple at the end if they miss significant differences.

4. "How can this be?"
  5. Jesus tells of God sending His Son so those who believe in Him won't be condemned
- D. Nicodemus keeps his beliefs secret for fear of the Jews
- II. Jesus Goes to Samaritan Woman
- A. Woman despised
1. Jews hated Samaritans normally
  2. Jesus' disciples go to buy food in the town
  3. Woman drawing water in middle of day—not normal time.
  4. Jesus asks woman for a drink
- B. Woman doesn't understand why Jesus is talking to her
- C. Jesus tells woman of abundant life
1. Ask me for living water
  2. won't thirst again
  3. "give me some"
  4. tells woman about her husbands
  5. woman asks about where to worship
  6. woman acknowledges about Messiah
  7. "I am he."
- D. Woman tells whole village about Jesus being Messiah
1. Many Samaritans believe
  2. Jesus stays 2 more days
  3. More believe he is the Savior of the world

**Concluding the Story:**

(After all the answers are on the board) These two people are so different, but when John wrote this gospel, he put them back-to-back: and not just because they happened close together. It was because of what they had in COMMON. Look at the two lists of what was different about them.

Now look and see if you can tell what it was that was in COMMON.

(They both needed eternal life; a Savior—Jesus offered new and abundant life to both.) But only one received it at this time and wasn't afraid to proclaim it.

**Board work and student notes:**

