

CATECHESIS@HOME 2021 #6

"GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH,
THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON"

(4th Sunday of Lent)



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INTRODUCTION

This material has been prepared to provide families an opportunity to gather and spend time reflecting and discussing about the scripture readings of 4th Sunday of Lent.

HOW TO USE THE MATERIAL

This document contains activities that members of the family may complete individually (just the children), in pairs (with parental assistance), or as an entire family. It would be helpful to print a hard-copy, so that members of your family may carry out different activities at the same time.

WHEN TO USE THE MATERIAL

During the week after the family has celebrated the Mass of 4th Sunday of Lent.

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we have gathered here in the name of Jesus. You call us to repentance as we journey through the Season of Lent. Thank you for loving us so much that You sent Jesus, Your Son to save us. Holy Spirit, guide us during this family gathering. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Invite someone to read John 3: 14-21. Then, as a family reflect on the points and questions given below and share your responses with one another. If necessary, parents are encouraged to rephrase the information and questions according to their children's level of understanding).

Time of reflection and response:

Nicodemus was seeking to know who Jesus was. He went to see Jesus by night, probably because, being a Pharisee, he was afraid to do this openly. He did not want people to know he was meeting Jesus. Yet Jesus welcomed him and spent time talking to him.

Have there been a moment or time when you were seeking after the truth or wanted to do what is right, but was afraid of doing this openly because of what others might think of you? If yes, share the experience and how you felt at that time. If you faced the same situation now, what would you do?

Nicodemus was a learned and smart man; he was prepared to give time to think about what Jesus said. Yet his intelligence and logical thinking came against him. The idea that he has to be born again made him doubtful and he failed to see how he could achieve what Jesus suggested.

It is natural for people to have doubts and to question certain aspects of their faith. Do you feel it is alright for Catholics to have such doubts? What are the aspects about the Catholic faith that you are still doubtful about, find difficult to understand or even accept? What is Jesus telling you in the face of these doubts or questions?

Jesus said that Nicodemus has to be born of the Spirit in order to be reborn. The Spirit of God is everywhere. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. Wherever we find joy, peace, compassion, justice, and anything good and beautiful in life, there the Holy Spirit is present.

During this time of Lent, in what way do you wish to be reborn? What would you like to ask the Holy Spirit to teach you so that your life would be changed?

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

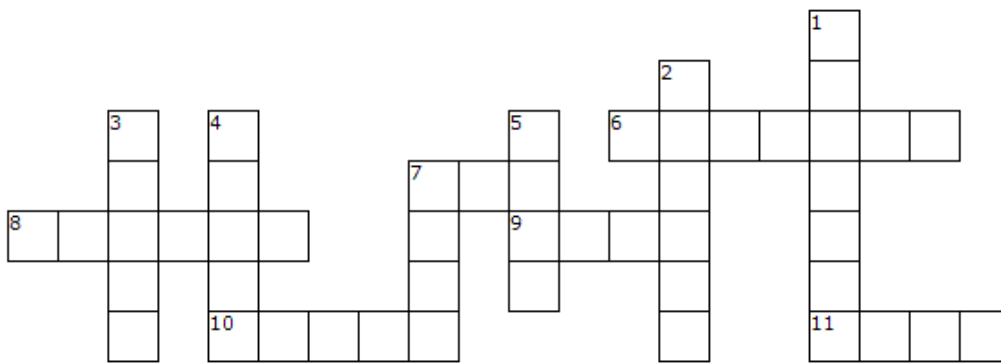
Below you will find some activities for younger children, revolving around the first reading and the Gospel passage. Select the activities you would like to complete with your children, or try to complete them all if you can!

Activity #1: Solve the puzzle.

Measuring God's Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

Based on John 3:14-17



ACROSS

6. To accept something as true, genuine, or real
7. A male child
8. To die or be destroyed
9. To care very deeply for someone
10. A serpent or reptile)
11. The period of time from birth to death

DOWN

1. Lasting forever, without end
2. Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants
3. The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it
4. Received the ten commandments from God
5. Alone in its kind, nothing like it
7. To rescue from danger or harm

SNAKE	ETERNAL	SAVE	LOVE
LIFE	SON	PERISH	DESERT
ONLY	BELIEVE	MOSES	WORLD

Activity 2: Find the words.

Nicodemus

R E T N E L I J M N A M A E J M V
B Z F T E O A Y D E R V V E M V K
A U L K I N G D O M W O P S M R I
D Y E O F T D R O Z A J B I Y Z B
E F S X E U Z I P V T K G R Q N Z
X P H N E V O L V A E O V A W M Y
X E E S M C X U T R R P C H W V H
Q V A J P Q F S Z Z J O O P U Y S
U R V S U M E D O C I N I Z B A P
Z H E S N P O J Z X V M L I U I I
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N H L J N K L E I K H U P I O L D
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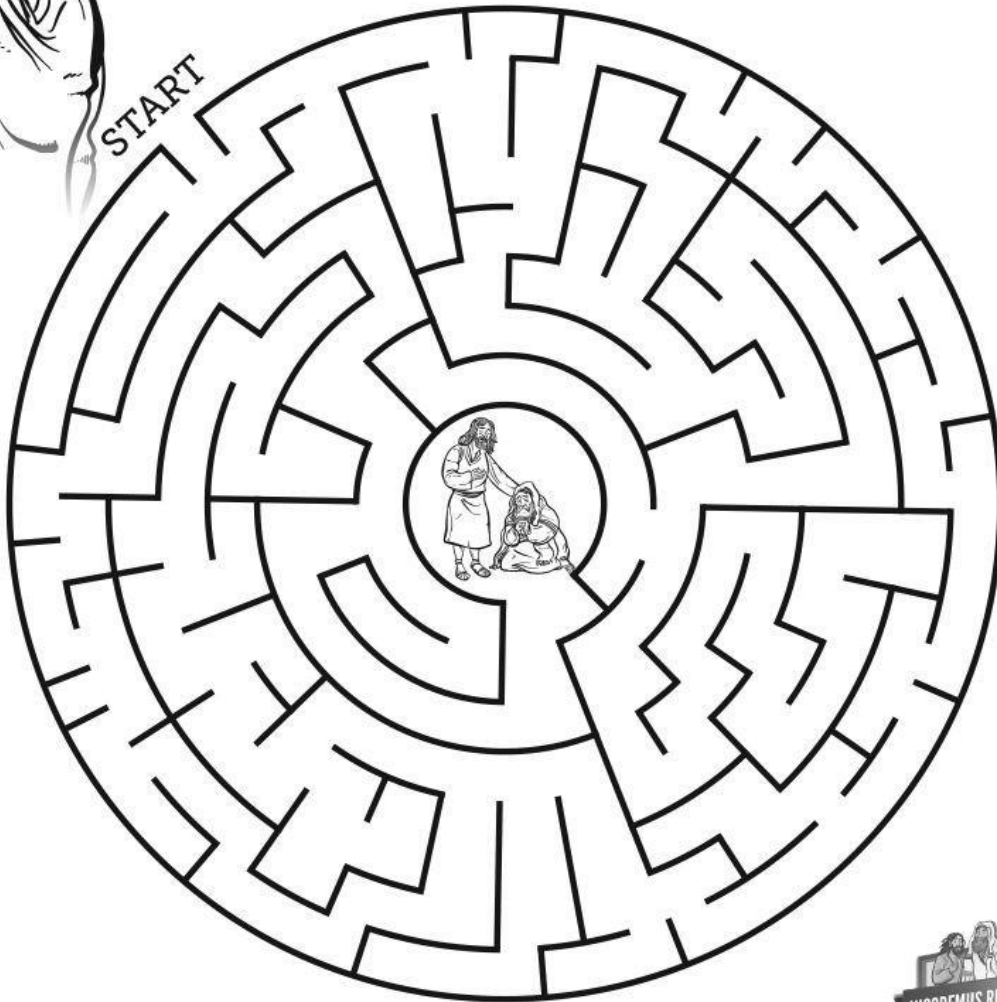
Water	Teacher	Spirit	Ruler
Pharisee	Heaven	Old	Night
Nicodemus	Kingdom	Jew	Flesh
Born	Enter	Birth	

Activity #3: Help Jesus to lead Nicodemus to the truth.

NICODEMUS REBORN



START



Activity #4: Spot the difference.

NICODEMUS REBORN

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



NICODEMUS REBORN

Activity #5: Find the words.

Born Again!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3

Based on John 3:1-17

*New Life in
Christ*



U J O W H I D P E K A V N D Z
G K U T D L O V E D S N I T D
E N R R I B V A T C A A C E Z
T I F F N S A G R A H Y O A G
B D T L K H D A U B T L D C M
V H J G E I D I T V V W E H H
N K Q Y D S N N H Y G P M E M
B V N L H F H G B D S N U R H
B O R N O Q M R D R J L S S R
M O F S O N A Q C O A P I A A
W A T E R P N H H N M W J M B
F X S L I F E I R G E H C O B
J P H A R I S E E J S T I M I
M J E S U S T N I G H T I W B
F A I C Y E S P I R I T K P G

BIRTH	TRUTH	SPIRIT	NIGHT	JEWISH
PHARISEE	AGAIN	ETERNAL	MAN	RABBI
BORN	WORLD	KINGDOM	NICODEMUS	FLESH
JESUS	LOVED	TEACHER	LIFE	WATER

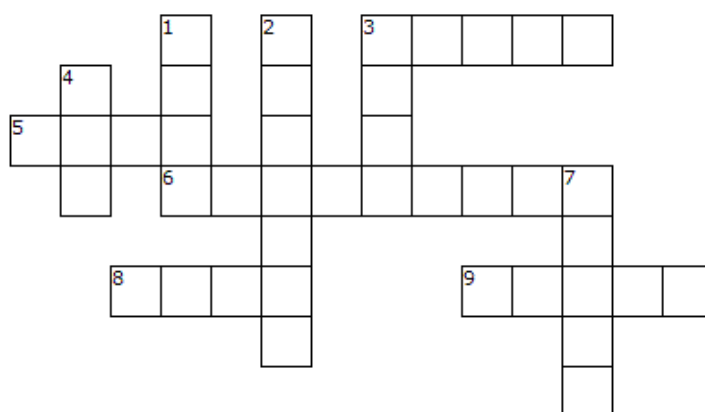
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Based on John 3:1-17

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ACROSS

3. A clear, colorless liquid; H₂O
5. To receive sounds with your ears
6. A Pharisee who went to Jesus at night
8. The period from birth until death
9. The real facts about something; not false

DOWN

1. To be brought into life by birth
2. A person who instructs or trains others
3. The movement of air outside
4. To observe by using your eyes
7. Something that can be heard

HEAR	TRUTH	NICODEMUS	WIND	TEACHER
WATER	SOUND	SEE	LIFE	BORN

Activity #7: Break the code.

For God So Loved the World

John 3:16

Name: _____

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16



Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
O	W	S	G	D	K	I	Z	T	Q	M	P	J	F	E	R	V	B	X	A	C	U	L	N	H	Y

- 2-25-1-15-17-15-16 _____
- 2-1-16-23-5 _____
- 4-1-5 _____
- 18-15-23-7-15-17-15-3 _____
- 4-20-17-15 _____
- 23-7-14-15 _____
- 3-1-24 _____
- 15-9-15-16-24-20-23 _____
- 23-1-17-15-5 _____
- 12-15-16-7-3-25 _____
- 1-24-23-26 _____

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS

God	gave	whoever	eternal
loved	only	believes	life
world	Son	perish	


Activity #8: Find the words.

E	W	O	R	L	N	E	V	A	S
S	N	O	O	I	N	A	T	U	E
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V	T	A	E	L	E	E	S	E	U
E	L	V	D	D	D	R	O	W	F
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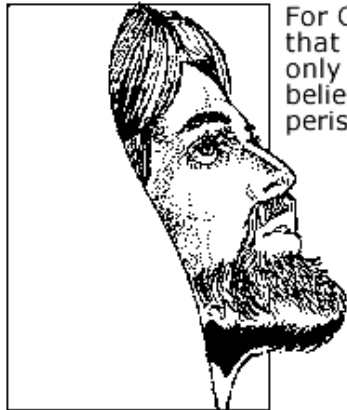
NICODEMUS
BELIEVES
LIFE
REFUSES

LOVED
LOST
CONDEMN
NAME

WORLD
ETERNAL
SAVED
SON



Activity #9: Unscramble the words.



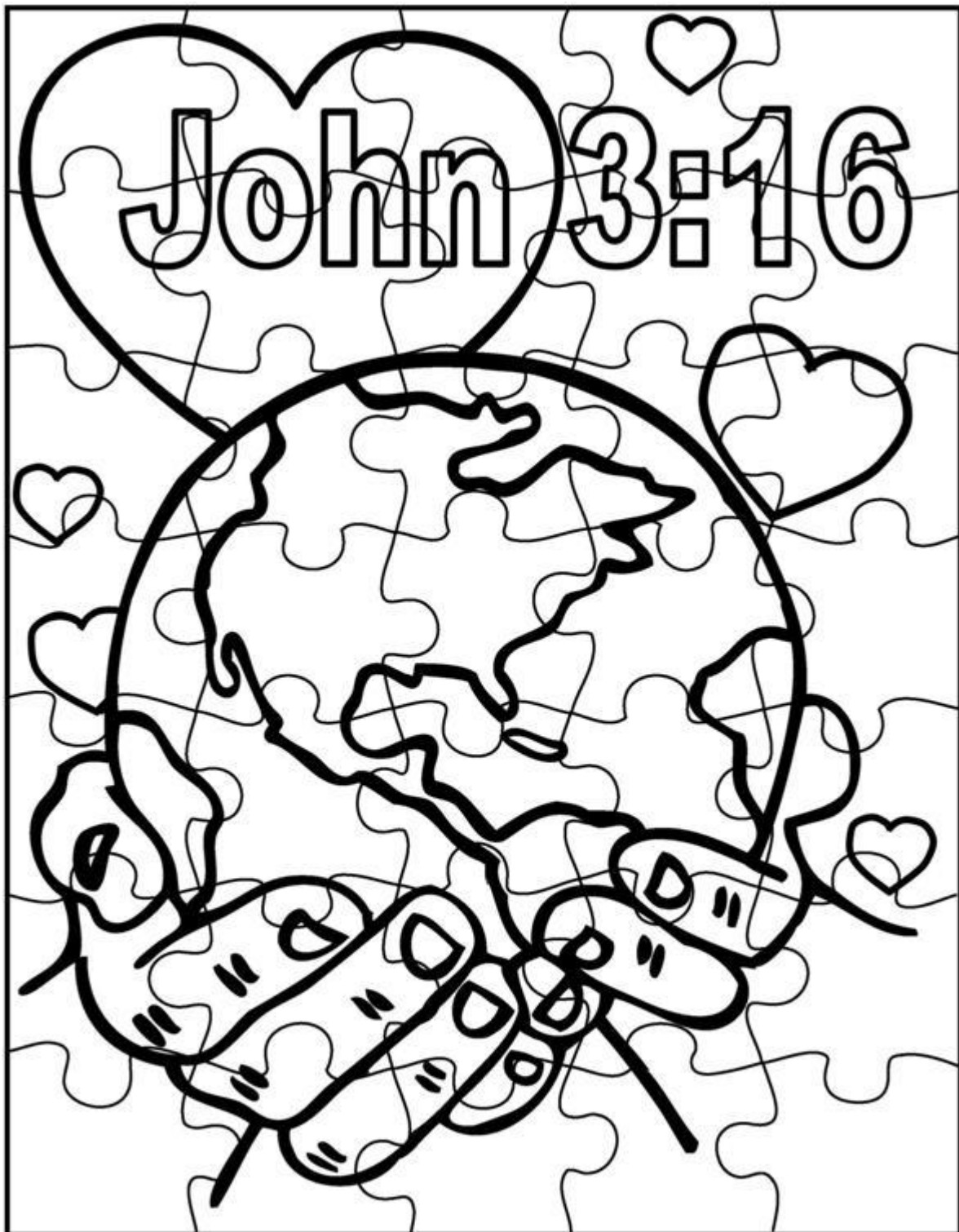
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John 3:16

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Activity #10: Colour the picture, cut the puzzle pieces and join them again.



35 Pieces

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