



TALK ABOUT IT

1. What were you first told about where babies come from? How old were you when you learned the real story?

READ ABOUT IT: Matthew 16:15-17, John 3:1-9, Jeremiah 1:5, Ephesians 2:10, John 3:18-21, John 1:12-13.

THINK ABOUT IT

2. **Read John 3:1-8.** What can you find out about Nicodemus in verses 1-2? Why did Nicodemus come to him at night (see vs. 19-20). Why was Jesus so direct with him?
3. What two ideas about birth are Jesus and Nicodemus thinking of? What point is Jesus making by comparing spiritual birth and the wind? How does Jesus account for Nicodemus' lack of understanding?
4. How is Jesus' use of the words "born again" similar and different than the way they are used today? How would you define "born again" in your own words?
5. **Read John 3:18-21.** How will belief show itself in the life of those who believe?

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

6. What first aroused your interest in Jesus? Why? When did you leave the darkness and come into the light? Where are you now in your maturity as a follower of Jesus? In what areas are you still needing to grow up?

Matthew 16:15-17

¹⁵ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.

John 3:1-9

¹ There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. ² After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you." ³ Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." ⁴ "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" ⁵ Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. ⁷ So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit." ⁹ "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked.

Jeremiah 1:5

⁵ "I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you a part and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."

Ephesians 2:10

¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

John 3:18-21

¹⁸ "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more than the light, for their actions were evil. ²⁰ All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants."

John 1:12-13

¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.