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### **Jesus Gives Us New Life**

**Do:** Grab some playdough or clay. Right now, your play dough is just a lump of boring playdough. But you're going to turn it into a new creation, *just like Jesus turns us into a new creation when we believe in Him!* Make a fun creation with your playdough.\*

Our story today starts with a guy named Nicodemus (nik-uh-dee-mus). His story is found in John 2:23-25, 3:1-21. Nicodemus had a very important job. He was a Pharisee. Back in Jesus' time, a Pharisee was a special teacher who knew all the laws of the Bible. Pharisees knew A LOT of information. Some Pharisees thought they knew EVERYTHING. But Nicodemus didn't think so. Nicodemus knew a lot of useful things, but he wanted to know more! So he went to Jesus. He asked Jesus lots and lots of questions. Let's see what they talked about.

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Jesus told Nicodemus that he had to be born again by the Spirit. Being born again?! That's kind of a funny thing to say! Nicodemus thought it was kind of weird too. Basically, Jesus meant that even though we might already have a family, or live with other people....**He wants us to become a part of GOD'S family too!** The sad thing is, we're all separated from God because we've sinned. We've messed up, and made wrong choices. And because God is perfect, He can't be close to sin. So then....how can we be part of God's family?! There's great news!! God came up with a way to bring us close to Him again, even though we all sin. Instead of *US* having to be punished for our wrong choices, **Jesus came to take the punishment instead.** And when we choose to believe that Jesus died for our sins, so that we don't have to, we can join God's family! When we believe in Jesus, and accept his love, we become a new creation. We get a NEW LIFE. We are born into God's family! That's what it means to be born again. And guess what? If we want Jesus to give us a new life, it's really easy.

- Tell Jesus that you're sorry for all the wrong things you've done.
- Tell Jesus that you believe He came to the world to rescue you.
- Tell Him you want to follow Him!

**Pray:** Jesus, you have given me a brand new life. I don't have to stay stuck in my old ways, I can be a part of your family, and I believe that you've rescued me. Amen.

**Bonus Watch:** A caterpillar becoming a new creation. [Hermie the Common Caterpillar](#)