



3. SMALL GROUP Lesson

THE NEW BIRTH

PROPS: Teddy & Teddy's House (Cut out a large figure of a boy from white posterboard. Cut out the exact same figure from yellow posterboard. Color the white posterboard with face, clothes and shoes. Leave the yellow posterboard blank except for the face. The yellow figure represents our "spirit man.")

LESSON:

- You are a spirit, you have a soul and you live in a body.
- I have a picture of a boy.
- His name is Teddy.
- (Hold Teddy and his house together.)
- How many of you can see Teddy? Well, you really can't.
- What you see is Teddy's house.
- (Pull out the spiritman Teddy.)
- This is the real Teddy—his spirit.
- Your spirit is the real you and is the part of you that connects with God.
- Your spirit is eternal and will never die.
- One day your body will die (drop Teddy on the table) and be buried in the earth, but the real you (hold spiritman up) will not die.
- If you have Jesus in your heart you will go to Heaven, if you do not have Jesus in your heart you will go to Hell.

DISCUSS:

- Our spiritman is the part of us that connects with God, because God is a spirit.
- Our spiritman is the part of us that gets born again.

QUESTIONS TO ASK:

1. What are the three parts of man? (spirit, soul and body)
2. What is the part of you that connects with God? (spirit)
3. When you die what part of you will go to Heaven? (spirit)
4. Does everyone go to Heaven when they die? (no, only those with Jesus in their heart)



Small Group Notes

SMALL GROUP SCHEDULE

1. Pre-Service Activity
2. Bible Time
3. Small Group Lesson
4. Dismiss

THE CORE THE NEW BIRTH

MEMORY VERSE:

John 3:3, "...unless you are born again, you can never see the kingdom of GOD" (NLT)

BOTTOM LINE:

You Must Be Born Again



Scan for additional lesson.



1. PRE-SERVICE Activity

- During the Pre-Service Activity, group leaders will direct conversation and games to help kids make friends at church.
- As a group leader you have the choice of Ice Breaker Questions or Game to use as the children arrive.

ICE BREAKER Questions:

QUESTION #751:

- If you could visit anywhere you wanted to - today, where would you go?

QUESTION #291:

- What do you want to be when you grow up?

ICE BREAKER Game:

THE BIG EYE LOOKS

- Group sits in chairs, in a circle, with one less chair than number of people in group.
- One person is in the center as "The Big Eye."
- "The Big Eye" says something about themselves and then others in the group, who share the same thing, must find a new seat, including "The Big Eye."
- The person left standing becomes the next "Big Eye."
- Example: "The Big Eye" looks at everyone who had cereal for breakfast.



2. BIBLE Time

READ THE BIBLE: Luke 19:1-19

- *1st-2nd Grade:* Use picture Bible.
- *3rd Grade and up:* Have each child read one verse out loud. Go around the room.

This works best if everyone uses the same, easy-to-read translation of the Bible. We recommend the NIV Bible for 3rd to 5th Grade and a picture Bible for 1st to 2nd Grade.

BIBLE STORY:

Zacchaeus, A Changed Man

BIBLE CONNECTION:

Zacchaeus was a tax collector. One day Jesus came to town. There were so many people Zacchaeus couldn't see so he climbed into a tree. When Zacchaeus heard Jesus speak, he believed in Jesus and his life was changed.

BIBLE QUESTIONS:

1. Who was Zacchaeus? (a sinner)
2. What did Jesus say to him? (get out of the tree, I must go to your house)
3. What did Zacchaeus do? (he believed in Jesus and changed his life)

Point To Make: *It is important to remember that when Zacchaeus heard he believed.*