

**PREPARE YOUR HEART**

Think about the joys of being a part of God's family. Thank God for saving you.

**Meeting Aims:**

- Club members will:
- learn why Jesus died.
  - feel pleased that God wants them in his family.
  - develop small motor skills by coloring, cutting, and gluing.

**Scripture:**

John 3:1-18; Numbers 21:4-9

**Bible Memory:**

review verses learned in this unit

**Supplies:**

**GET READY**—Option 1—ball;

Option 2—paper

**OPENING ACTIVITY**—Option 1—posterboard, scissors, old magazines and catalogs, glue sticks; Option 2—baby items, diaper bag

**BIBLE STORY**—copy of Nicodemus script; *optional*: Bible-times costume (bathrobe, sandals, etc.)

**BIBLE MEMORY**—red heart from previous meeting

**GAMES**—variety of pictures of people, 4 colors of paper, tape

**SNACK** (optional)—your choice

**TABLE ACTIVITY**—markers, scissors, glue sticks; for each member: small photo of member (brought by member), *Learning About Giving Activity Papers* books, Activity Stickers

**AWARD CELEBRATION**—for each member: unit award

**PRAYER**—none

**Next Unit's Preparation:**

Select and review the unit you will use next.

# Jesus Teaches Salvation

**GET READY** 5-7 MINUTES

• **Do Ahead:**

Gather supplies. **Option 2**—Make a list of actions for "Simon Says." Include things a baby would do (suck thumb, cry "waa waa," lie down and kick feet in air, etc.).

**Option 1—Your Family**

Have club members sit in a circle. Give one Scooter a ball. Have him or her name one person who is in his or her family and then bounce (or roll) the ball to another Scooter, who will name someone in his or her family. Continue until all have played.

**Option 2—Simon Says**

Play "Simon Says." Say "Simon says" before every command. Instruct Scooters not to do any baby activities that Simon says.

Open with prayer.

**OPENING ACTIVITY**

10-15 MINUTES

• **Do Ahead:**

Gather supplies. **Option 2**—Hide baby items around the room.

**Option 1—Family Pictures**

Assign each Scooter a section of posterboard. Have Scooters cut out people from magazines and catalogs to represent people in their family and glue them onto the posterboard. Let Scooters tell about their families. *Option*: Let them add pictures of things their family likes to do.

**Today we're going to learn about God's family.**

**Option 2—Baby Items Hunt**

Have Scooters hunt for the hidden baby items and put them in a diaper bag.

**When babies are born, it's a happy time. Today we're going to find out about being born into another family.**

**BIBLE STORY** 10-15 MINUTES

• **Do Ahead:**

Familiarize yourself with this Bible Story. Gather supplies. Recruit someone to be Nicodemus and give the person a copy of the script.

**Focus**

• (Club member), **show me something a tiny baby might do.** Have all Scooters copy what is done. (Second club member), **show me something else a little baby might do.** Have Scooters copy. Repeat several times.

• **Why don't you** (name things they did) **anymore?**

• **Show me how big you are.** Have Scooters stand up and stretch tall.

• **Show me how small you can get.** Have Scooters scrunch down small.

• **If you think you can become a baby and be born into your family again, wave your hand.**

Let's listen to a Bible lesson about a man who asked Jesus, "Even though I'm old, is it possible to become a baby again and be reborn?"

**Scripture Story**

Hold an open Bible. Meet \_\_\_\_\_, who is going to be this man named Nicodemus. Have club members clap.

**Nicodemus Script**

Leader: **What kind of job did you do in Bible times?**

Nicodemus: **I was a ruler of the Jewish people. I was very important.** *Looks important.*

Leader: **What did you think about Jesus?**

Nicodemus: **I knew Jesus was a great teacher sent by God.**

Leader: **How did you know that?**

Nicodemus: *Whispers loudly behind hand.* **Because of all the miracles Jesus did!** *Continues in a regular tone.* **Miracles are wonderful works that only God can do, like healing people.**

Leader: **That's true. Jesus wasn't just a great teacher. He is God's Son.**

Nicodemus: **I wanted to ask Jesus questions, so one night I went to visit him.** *Walks in place.*

Leader: **What did Jesus say to you?**

Nicodemus: **Jesus told me if I wanted to get to heaven I had to be born again. That really confused me.** *Scratches head and looks puzzled.*

Leader: **Our Scooters already know you can't be born into your family again.**

Nicodemus: **That's not what Jesus was talking about. Jesus was talking about being born into God's family. Jesus reminded me of how God saved people from dying long, long**



ago. God told Moses to hold a snake high up on a stick. *Holds hands up high as though holding up a pole.* When the people looked at the snake, they did not die. That was a picture of how Jesus was going to die on a cross. *Holds arms up as though on a cross.* When people look at him and believe in him, they will become part of God's family.

Leader: **Scouters, why do you think Jesus died for people?** (He loves them, to take the punishment for the wrong things we do.) If Scouters have learned John 3:16, have them repeat it now. If not, read it now.

Nicodemus: **Jesus said that God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to earth to die for us and come back to life. If we believe in him, we will be in his family and live with him someday forever!** *Leads Scouters in cheering. Exits.*

*Script may be copied for use with Pioneer Clubs® Scooter materials.*

**Scouters, being born again into God's family is a miracle that only God can do for you. It happens when you ask Jesus to forgive you of the wrong things you do.**

- **Show with your arms how much God loves us.** Let Scouters try.
- **How can you tell he loves you that much?**
- **Could you ever stretch your arms far enough to show how much God really loves you?**

### Apply

- **What did Jesus do so we can be in God's family?** (Died for us, took the punishment for the wrong things we do.)  
If you did Opening Activity Option 1, have each Scooter stand by his or her family picture and point to and name each "person" when you ask the following question.
- **(Name of Scooter), who in your family did Jesus die for so they can believe in Jesus and be part of God's family?**
- **How could we tell Jesus right now that we're happy he wants us in God's family?** (Jump up and down and call out "thank you" all together, cheer, etc.) Do one or more things that Scouters suggest.

Have Scouters form a circle. **Here we are with our church family. We can be in another family, too. When I stop during the prayer, we're going to point to each person and say his or her name.** Pray: **Thank you, God for sending Jesus to die to take our punishment. We know that all of these people can choose to be in your family.** Open eyes, point, and name each person together. **In Jesus' name, amen.**

### ENRICHMENT IDEA

Let club members make crosses out of clay to remind themselves of what Jesus did for them. *Option:* Help club members poke a hole in the top of each one and thread ribbon through to make an ornament or necklace.

### BIBLE MEMORY 5-6 MINUTES

Review John 14:23a, using the technique used to teach it. If you learned John 3:16 (or 16a), review it, too.

### GAMES 10-12 MINUTES

#### Do Ahead:

**Gather supplies. Find pictures of people of various races and ages. Tape various pictures onto each of four different colored papers. Tape each paper on a different wall.**

**Jesus' Family.** Point out the pictures of "Jesus' family." Instruct Scouters to follow your instructions, such as **Skip to Jesus' family—blue! Hop to Jesus' family—red!** and so on.

**Jesus Loves.** See Meeting 9.

### SNACK (OPTIONAL)

### TABLE ACTIVITY 15-20 MINUTES

#### Do Ahead:

**Gather supplies. Ask parents to send a small photo of their child that doesn't need to be returned.**

Hand out Activity Page 39. Give instructions one step at a time. Help club members read the sentence. When Scouters finish, stick on Activity Stickers.



### Tips for Using Skippy

Skippy could:

- make announcements
- lead "Skippy says" for Get Ready Option 2



### AWARD CELEBRATION

#### Do Ahead:

**Invite parents to this part of the meeting. Have unit awards on hand. Options:**

- **Let Scouters play school. Briefly recap things learned in this unit that Jesus teaches us in the Bible.**
- **Save Snack until now.**

Give each Scooter a Jesus the Teacher award to put on their Pioneer Clubs Scooter T-shirts, whether or not he or she attended each meeting.

### PRAYER 5-7 MINUTES

Have Scouters and parents hold hands in a circle. As they swing hands, have them pray, *"Thank you, Je-sus, that you teach us!"*

### LEADER REFLECTION

How much did your club members seem to understand about being in God's family?