# Bible Story 32: JESUS CONTINUES FIRST YEAR OF MINISTRY

NICODEMUS TALKS WITH JESUS;
JESUS TALKS WITH SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL;
JESUS HEALS OFFICIAL'S SON

SCRIPTURE: Nicodemus: John 3:1-17

Samaritan Woman: John 4:1-42 Heals Official's Son: John 4:46-54

MEMORY VERSE: John 3:16

## **BIBLE STORY:**

Jesus continued His first year of ministry.

# NICODEMUS TALKS WITH JESUS

One night a man named Nicodemus went to talk with Jesus. Nicodemus asked Jesus many questions, and Jesus answered his questions. Jesus said that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, and whoever believes in Him would have eternal life.

## JESUS TALKS WITH SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL

One day Jesus went walking through an area called Samaria. In the area lived Samaritans. The Jews did not like Samaritans. In fact, Jews would avoid being close to a Samaritan.

Jesus sat down by Jacob's well while His disciples went to get some food in a nearby town. While sitting at the well, a Samaritan woman came to get some water. Jesus spoke to her, asking her for a drink of water. As Jesus spoke to her, He told her that He was the promised Messiah they were expecting. She believed Him. So she went and brought her friends from town to meet Jesus. After hearing Jesus, many Samaritans believed that Jesus is the Savior of the world.

## JESUS HEALS THE SON OF AN OFFICIAL

On a certain occasion, Jesus went to Cana in Galilee. In a nearby town called Capernaum, an official had a son who was very sick and close to death. When the official heard that Jesus was in Cana, he went to Jesus and asked Him to heal his son.

Jesus said, "Return home. Your son is going to live."

The official believed Jesus. On the way home, one of his servants arrived. He told the official that his son was healed. The high fever was gone.

Jesus had healed his son!

#### **PART 1: Personal Questions**

- 1. What did you learn from the story?
- 2. How can you apply this story to your life?

#### **PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS**

- 1. What do you like about the story?
- 2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
- 3. Who are the main people in the story?
- 4. What problems did the people face?
- 5. How did the people face their problems?
- 6. How have you faced similar problems?
- 7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
- 8. What does the story tell about God?

## PART 3: Specific Questions

- 1. Who came to talk and ask Jesus guestions at night?
- 2. Jesus told Nicodemus: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 kJ). What does that mean?
- 3. Who did Jesus talk to when he sat by a well? Why was it unusual for Jesus to speak to the Samaritan woman?
- 4. Should we speak and be kind to all people? Why?
- 5. After the Samaritan woman believed in Jesus, what did she do?
- 6. What are some ways that we can tell our family and friends about Jesus?
- 7. Why did the official go to see Jesus? What happened?
- 8. Who can we pray to when we face problems? Will God hear our prayers?
- 9. Who can help you when you are sick? How can you help sick people?