

In John 3, a Pharisee named Nicodemus comes to speak with Jesus in the night. Nicodemus came by night so that others wouldn't know that he was entertaining Jesus' message. As a Pharisee, Nicodemus had firm beliefs that he held about God and how God worked in the world and how humans can respond to God. Jesus was challenging those beliefs, though.

1. What does it mean to have our beliefs challenged by Jesus?
2. Is it possible to hold beliefs about Jesus that block us from seeing who Jesus really is?

Jesus and Nicodemus have a conversation. Nicodemus seems to not understand what Jesus is saying and Jesus corrects him. In this conversation, Nicodemus' beliefs become challenged and his understanding becomes uncertain.

3. Can you think of a time when your understanding was uncertain? When you weren't as sure about something as you thought you were? How did you respond?

Ultimately, Jesus pushes Nicodemus to believe in Jesus as God's son.

4. How can Jesus become the sturdy foundation of all of our beliefs?

Questions for families with children:

1. What does it mean to believe something? When times feel uncertain, how are you able to hold onto what you believe? Do you have people you rely on?
2. In those times when your belief in God isn't as strong, how has God helped you to continue to believe?

Weekly Bible Readings:

March 9 - Genesis 12:1-4a (read in worship on Sunday)

March 10 - Mark 10:1-12

March 11 - Mark 10:13-16

March 12 - Mark 10:17-31

March 13 - Mark 10:32-34

March 14 - Mark 10:35-45

Passage for Sunday, March 1:

Mark 7:24-30