**Key Passages**

**Bible Drill Devotions**

***Green Cycle***

**8. JESUS AND NICODEMUS \_ John 3:1-21**

**Key Verse/s**Have the drillers read the Key Passage and see if they can guess which verse is the key verse.

***Key Verse:*** *John 3:16 (I like the CEV of this verse. The noticeable changes are underlined.) God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die.*

**Why Is This Key Passage Important?** Did you know that the most quoted verse in the Bible, John 3:16, was said to Nicodemous? That helps us remember where this Key Passage is found.

**Lesson** This Key Passage isn’t just about Jesus and a man named Nicodemous. It is about how to be saved. As the passage says, Nicodemus was a Pharisee. That means he was like a man today who believes that going to church and obeying all the rules of the church are more important than caring about the people around him.

* This person would know what to say and would sound like a great church leader, but would not do what he says.
* This person would do all the church things just so he or she could be seen by others as a great person.
* This person would be so strict on what someone has to do to be a good church member that he would actually keep people from Jesus and His grace.
* He would live more by the rules that he and others set up as the way things are to be done, than by love for people.
* He would keep his sin secret instead of confessing and repenting because he would want people to think he was almost perfect and others should listen to him. He could never show weakness.

The good thing about Nicodemous is, that even though he was known as a member of the Pharisee group, he recognized that Jesus was the Son of God and the only true Savior. Nicodemus believed there was life after death, and he went to Jesus to see how he might have eternal life. Notice in verse two that Nicodemus went to Jesus at night. He had a feeling that Jesus was the Savior, but at this point he still had questions. This Key Passage, “Jesus and Nicodemus,” John 3:1-21, is all about a person asking questions so that he might understand how to be saved. Nicodemus believed what Jesus told him and later was willing to let other people know he was a follower. He later defended Jesus before the court of the Sanhedrin ([**John 7:50–51**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%207.50%E2%80%9351)) and was on hand at Jesus’ crucifixion to help bury Jesus’ body ([**John 19:39**](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/John%2019.39)).

The two most important things to learn from this Key Passage are that God wants you and me to be saved and be able to live in heaven with Him. And, it is GOOD to ask questions.