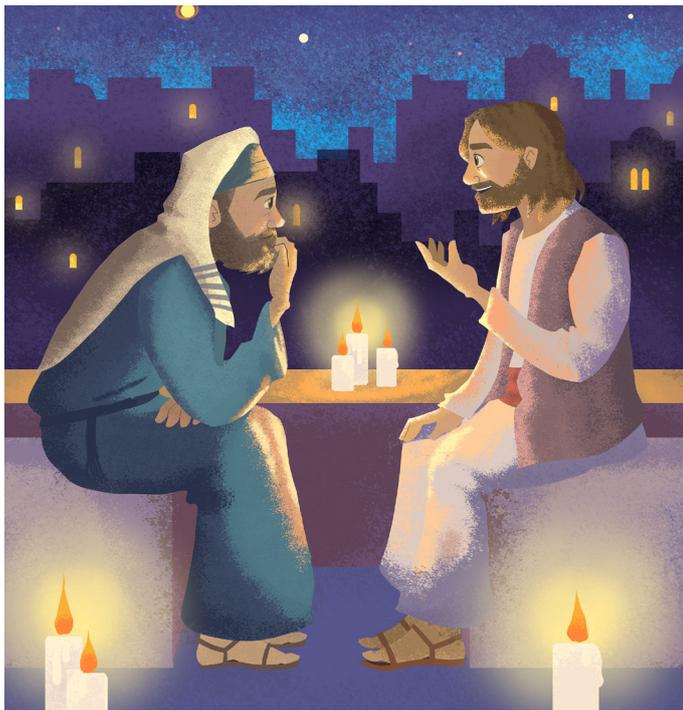


Keep asking questions

John 3:1-17

Nicodemus, a Pharisee, goes to see Jesus, acknowledging him as a man of God. Jesus says that to see the kingdom of God you must be 'born from above'. Nicodemus doesn't understand, although Jesus says that, being a teacher, he should. Nicodemus persists in asking Jesus questions to try and understand what he means.

Read this week's passage:



Living Scripture

'How can these things be?' John 3:9

Perhaps you, like Nicodemus, have sometimes asked a question, been given an answer, and been left feeling even more confused than before?

This is a bit like what happened to Nicodemus, a man who came to ask Jesus some questions and was left slightly baffled by the answers he received. Sometimes, asking questions about faith can leave us feeling more confused. Perhaps because the answers cause us to rethink some of the ideas we have about God, the world, other people or even ourselves. We might be left asking, 'How can these things be?'

Which parts of the Christian faith leave you asking, 'How can these things be?' You could make a list of your thoughts or ask other people too. Is there anyone you can discuss these questions with?

If you feel comfortable doing so, you might like to ask Jesus these questions in prayer and ask him to help you find the answers. A bit like what happened to Nicodemus, you might be surprised by the answers.

First impressions

- Do you find it easy to ask questions? Why?
- The questions we ask can reveal a lot about us. What do you think are the motives behind Nicodemus's questions?
- What questions could you bring to Jesus right now?



Questions?

Create a questions jar. Write your questions on a sheet of paper and place in the jar. They can be about life, faith or anything! Open the jar together, perhaps at a mealtime, and explore the questions.

LOOK

Wrap up and go outside on a clear night. Look at the stars. As you watch the stars, think about the questions you have. Chat with God about these.

Discuss

Arrange to have a chat over a cup of tea with another Christian about the questions they have and the answers they have found on their faith journey.

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Pray



God of our journey and God of our questions, thank you for being with us each step of our journey, and that you hear each question we ask – both those we ask aloud and those we ask silently in our hearts. Be with us as we journey on and keep asking questions. Amen.

LISTEN



Listen to the song 'Lord, I've got questions'. Write down any questions you have about your faith and listen to the song again as you pray over them. Do any of the lyrics speak to you?