

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

*1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."*

### **Title: Born Again**

- 1) "Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
- 2) This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."
- 3) Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- 4) Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"
- 5) Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.
- 6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7) Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
- 8) The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."
- 9) Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"
- 10) Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?"
- 11) Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony.
- 12) If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?
- 13) No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.
- 14) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- 15) that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16) For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17) For 1 God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

18) Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

### **True North VBS - July 14 - 18 Helping children follow Jesus**

At True North VBS, children don't just hear about God's love; they see it, touch it, sing it, taste it, and put it into action through God Sightings. As they travel from station to station, they go deeper into their understanding of God and God's Son, Jesus. Most important, children learn that because Jesus loves us, he came to die for our sins and make a way for us to live with God forever.

You'll notice that there's no set time for children to make a faith commitment. We feel that True North helps children build relationships—with other children, with adults, and with Jesus. And since each child is at a different point in his or her relationship with Jesus, programming a time for commitment may be confusing to some children. However, if it's part of your church tradition to include a time for children to make a faith decision, the VBS Director may add it in during Sing & Play Peak on Day 4.

If you sense that a child might like to know more about what it means to follow Jesus, give this simple explanation:

*God loves us so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for us. Jesus died and took the punishment for all the wrong things we do. But Jesus is stronger than death, and he came back to life! Jesus wants to be our friend forever. When we ask him to, he'll take away the wrong things we've done and fill our lives with his love. Jesus will always be with us and will help us make the right choices. When we believe in Jesus and ask him to forgive us, someday we'll live with him forever in heaven.*