

**BORN AGAIN!**  
SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: 1 PETER 1:3-9**The STORY**

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9.

**Please note:** The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- What is Peter talking about? (Peter is talking about Jesus and the hope we have because we believe in Jesus.)
- What does the Bible say happens to a person when God changes his heart and he believes? (The Bible tells us they are born again.)
- What did Jesus do on the third day after His death? (He rose again.)

**CRAFT QUESTIONS**

**Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: a little child praying in his bedroom with the sky above revealing Christ seated on the throne in heaven with angels all around. Engage the children by asking:**

- What is the child in the picture doing? (The child is praying.)
- Can the child see Jesus while he prays? (No, the child cannot see Jesus.)
- How do we know that Jesus is really in heaven if we cannot see Him? (The Bible tells us that Jesus is in heaven and we believe by faith in what the Bible says. Faith is a gift that God gives us. God places His Spirit in the hearts of those He gives salvation so that they can believe with confidence that what the Bible says is true.)

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**SNACK QUESTIONS****While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:**

- What are trials that come to our life? (Trials are the hard things that come to us. God uses them to help us learn to trust Him.)
- What are some of the hard things or trials that children have to go through? (Some examples of the trials children go through are trusting God when we go to the doctor to get a shot, or when our parents go away overnight and someone else is watching us or when we can't get the special gift that we want. In all these difficult situations, God is teaching us that we need to trust Him and love Him more than other things.)
- What does God compare our faith to? (God compares our faith to gold, which is extremely beautiful, very costly and precious.)

**WHERE IS the Gospel?**

*Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.*

Peter tells us that the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls. Belief in Jesus and His resurrection saves us from the consequences of our sin. Peter also tells us that it is by the resurrection of Jesus Christ that we have hope for a life in heaven that will never fade. Just earlier in 1 Peter 1:2 a reference to the blood of Christ shed on the cross is mentioned to complete the Gospel message. Though we cannot see God now, when Jesus Christ returns those who are born again will see Him. Until that day we can rejoice even in the trials which come to us.

**SWORD BIBLE MEMORY****BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

*Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.*

