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One night, long ago, one of the leaders of the Jewish people came to Jesus to ask him some questions. His name was Nicodemus, and he was curious to learn more about the things Jesus was teaching. Jesus told Nicodemus something amazing. He said if you want to enter the kingdom of God, you must be born again. "How can that be?" asked Nicodemus. "How can a person be born a second time?" What could Jesus possibly mean when he says you must be born again?

The Bible says that all of us are born with a sinful heart (Romans 3:10-12). Our hearts are spiritually dead (Ephesians 2:1). We don't love God and we aren't interested in obeying him. So, in order for us to enter the kingdom of God, God has to change our hearts. He makes our hearts spiritually alive so that we love God and want to turn to Jesus and trust him for salvation. That's what Jesus is talking about when he says we must be born again. Being born again is where God brings new spiritual life to our hearts, helping us to understand and respond to the gospel with faith and repentance.

Being born again isn't something we can do ourselves. It is something that God the Holy Spirit does in us.

- ☆ Pray to God and ask him to change your heart.
- ☆ Ask him to take away the deadness and to give you a heart that loves Jesus and wants to obey Jesus.
- ☆ Tell God you want to be born again!