



*Nurturing Faith...  
Every Day in Every Way*

March 8, 2020

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

**BORN  
AGAIN**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

Object: a real baby or a picture of you as a baby

Good morning friends! How many of you know who this is (show baby or pic of baby...allow for answers). What a cute baby!!! Do any of you remember being a baby? Let me ask you this question...is it possible for this baby to be born again? Can this baby go back to the hospital and have another born day? NO! That would be strange!

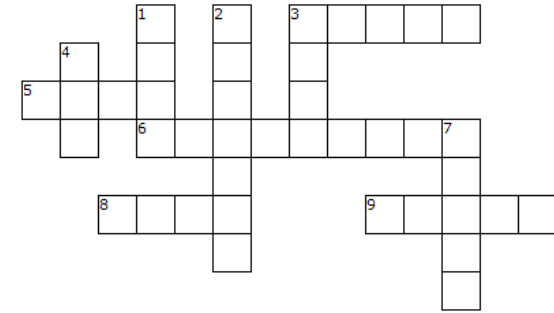
In our Gospel story from John today, someone was confused by this concept, because he heard that he should be "born again." There was a man named Nicodemus, and he worked for the church. He was probably pretty important. He had heard about Jesus and wanted to ask Him some questions about who He was and what He was doing. He came to Jesus at night time and started asking Him how He was doing the things He did.

Jesus told Nicodemus that he needed to be born again, and Nicodemus had a hard time understanding that. Was he supposed to shrink down and become a tiny baby all over again? How could that happen? Jesus explained that this was a different kind of birth. We have physical bodies and physical birth, but being born again happens through the Holy Spirit. (Move to the font) We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptized, right here in this wonderful, life-giving water. In this water, we receive the gift of salvation which means we get to live forever with God.

So, we're not really "born again", but, in our baptism, we become a new creation, a member of the Body of Christ as we live our lives for Jesus. What a wonderful gift God has given to us!

Loving God, in the waters of baptism, you send to us the power of the Holy Spirit who brings us the gift of faith. Thank you for loving us and for your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Crossword Puzzle*



**ACROSS**

- 3. A clear, colorless liquid; H<sub>2</sub>O
- 5. To receive sounds with your ears
- 6. A Pharisee who went to Jesus at night
- 8. The period from birth until death
- 9. The real facts about something; not false

**DOWN**

- 1. To be brought into life by birth
- 2. A person who instructs or trains others
- 3. The movement of air outside
- 4. To observe by using your eyes
- 7. Something that can be heard

HEAR	TRUTH	NICODEMUS	WIND	TEACHER
WATER	SOUND	SEE	LIFE	BORN

**Activity:** On an index card, write these words: I am a baptized child of God and I am loved. Put this in a ziplock bag and tape it on your bathroom mirror. When you wash your face every day, read your note to remember who you are as a beloved child of God.

**Discussion Question:** The Holy Spirit brings us the gift of faith, but our faith needs to be nurtured in order to grow. What are some ways that we can mature in our faith?

**Family Table Prayer for March:**

If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet!  
 If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet!  
 Lord, you give us what we need and we thank you,  
 YES INDEED!  
 If you love the Lord, your God, stomp your feet.

**March Memory Verse:** Psalm 95:1 Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.



**Jesus and Nicodemus**  
John 3

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