

# THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



## "Learning the Bible"

- Good for Middle Elementary on up •

**Suggested Scriptures:** Nicodemus in the Gospels: John 3:1-21; 7:50-52; 19:38-42. Initially Nicodemus was unsure of who Jesus was, but he wound up a committed believer.

**Description:** This object lesson uses a jigsaw puzzle to talk about how puzzling that big thick book we call the Bible can be for the kids we teach. It takes time and effort to put the pieces together. This object lesson serves to encourage new believers to begin a lifelong journey with God's Word.

**The Object Lesson:** The message you want to give your audience as you shake the puzzle box and show a puzzle piece is this: "We want you here every week as we open up God's Word, the Bible. As you come to understand how all the events of the Bible, its wisdom and its truth fit together like pieces of a puzzle, you'll come to see the beautiful picture of who God is and how much He cares for each of us."

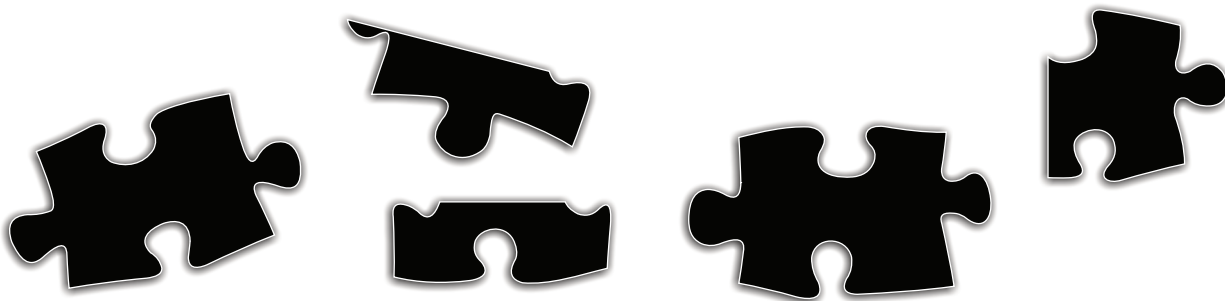
**Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video:** [https://youtu.be/Igek3b\\_rb04](https://youtu.be/Igek3b_rb04)

**Activity Page:** Nicodemus was Puzzled.

This activity is really easy; kids look at cartoon puzzle pieces to determine what order to place them in to find the answer to this question: "Nic went from CONFUSED to...what?" The answer is **commitment**.

- **Variation:** Write the answer on the blank back of several real puzzle pieces. This way you can make an entirely different question/answer—make the challenge more or less difficult depending on your groups' age-level. Plan to make one puzzle challenge for every two or three players.

**Extra Fun:** if you want the kids to remember this object lesson, gather your listeners into small groups of five kids or less and give each group a puzzle—the exact same puzzle for each group. At your signal to start, the groups race to see which can assemble a puzzle first. Puzzles of 100 pieces or less (depending on the age of your gang) don't take too long to complete.



# Nicodemus was Puzzled.

But after he spent time with Jesus, things began to come together. Nic went from CONFUSED to...what? Your job is to find out what Nicodemus' confusion turned into. Figure out where the puzzle pieces go to spell out the correct answer. Don't try to cut the pieces apart, you'll go nuts!

