









## FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
16	1	1	FAITH	GOSPEL OF ST JOHN	68: Christ and Nicodemus

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes  
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
Verbal V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Logical L <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Spatial S	Kinaesthetic K	Musical M	Intra - personal P1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Inter - personal P2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Natural N

Tick the appropriate box(es) above [ copy this: ☒ ] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

**Prayer:** Trisagion Prayers

**Starter:** What does it mean to be a child of God (recap on Session 66 and particularly John 1:12-13).

**Learning objectives:**

1. To understand Christ's teaching to Nicodemus in terms of the effects on our lives.
2. In the context of (1) – to understand the typologies used from the Old Testament (the Son of Man, Moses and the Serpent).

### Core Activities and Learning

1. Student(s) read the Gospel narrative from the Worksheet. Explore the themes of the gospel reading without simply giving students the answers to the questions that follow.
2. Have the students complete the ACTIVITY page. They may work in pairs if this helps.
3. The students present their findings to the whole group.
4. Epilogue – Nicodemus was an important teacher in Israel but to begin with he “didn’t get it.” What can we do to make sure we understand Christ’s teachings in an Orthodox manner?

**Note:** If the students ask about verse 13 and its meaning: “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven” for this seems to contradict the accounts of the ascension of Elias (Elijah) and Enoch, then explain that Jesus often references “Son of Man” in relation to Himself. Unlike Elias and Enoch, only He will ascend having first descended. In other words, the ascension of Christ was not simply the accomplishment of a righteous earthly life (as in these prophets before Him), but the completion of a mission in which heaven first came down to earth. Jesus explains this to Nicodemus in order to get him to understand that the words he speaks are not his own but the Father’s words come down to earth in his own divine Person, (the Logos .... Cf John 1:14 session 66).

**Resources:** Activity Sheet, pens

**Review:** To live the Christian life we must have transformed Christian lives by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Follow Up:** Next week, make sure that the students have understood what being “born again / from above” means.