WRM Season 3 Session 4 Storytelling Puppet Script and pictures for Puppets







THE END

NIGHT TIME

Puppet Play Script

Popsicle "people" and props needed:

- Paper that says "Night time"
- o Jesus
- Nicodemus
- o People of Israel
- o The End sign

Speaking Characters:

- Jesus
- o Nicodemus

Non-speaking or one-line parts:

- o Night time
- o People of Israel

Screen Play

Nicodemus: I love to have people pay attention to me!

People of Israel: [pop up] We can SEEEEE you! [pop back down]

Nicodemus: Hello there, people! Thank you! See you tomorrow morning. [walk/bounce over and "stand" in front of sheet that says "Night time."

Jesus: [pops up in front of sheet that says "night time"]

Nicodemus: [whispers] Hello, Jesus.

Jesus: What? I can't hear you...Why are you whispering?

Nicodemus: [*clears throat – talks in normal voice*] Oh, right. Sorry. Just didn't want people to see me actually talk to you. But I forgot: It's night time. The people can't see me!

People of Israel: [pop up] We can SEEEEEE you! [pop back down]

Nicodemus: Oops! [looks at where the people were. Looks back at Jesus] Jesus, I just want to say that I know you're paying attention to God because no one can do what you're doing and say what you're saying without God's help. I'm very impressed. I was wondering if you could help me do what you're doing.

Jesus: To do what I'm doing, you need to be born again.

Nicodemus: What? Don't be silly – no one can do that!

Jesus: You can't see what God is doing until you start your life over and live God's way.

Nicodemus: What? How do I do that?

Jesus: To start your life over again, let God's spirit guide you like the wind moves a leaf. Don't try to control yourself or the wind. Instead, surrender to where God's spirit is sending you.

Nicodemus: But I'm not a leaf! I'm Nicodemus! The people love me!

People of Israel: [pop up] We can SEEEEEE you! [pop back down]

Nicodemus: [looks at the people; looks back to Jesus]

Jesus: You let the people's attention drive what you do and why you do it. You, of all people, should know better. You should know that it is not the people's attention that saves you, but God's attention that saves you.

Nicodemus: But I've built my whole life around getting the people's attention. And look how good I am at it? The people even find me during the night time! To do what you're saying would destroy my life!

Jesus: God loves the world. God loves you. And the way God wants you to live will <u>not</u> *destroy* the world, instead, the way that God wants you to live, if you do it, will SAVE the world.

Jesus: [drops back down]

Nicodemus: What would I do without the people? Could I really start my life over and make God the most important thing in my life – even more important than the attention of the people? Could I really do that?

People of Israel: [pop up] We can SEEEEEE you! [pop back down]

Nicodemus: [shakes "head" back and forth and drops down too]

[Hold up sign that says, "The End"]