

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Sent Jesus to Save Us

SCRIPTURE: [John 4](#)

WORD OF WONDER: [From John 3:16](#)

Prayer of Invitation

God, thank You for being here with us today. We love You! Please show us more of Yourself as we learn from the Bible. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to save us! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hello friends, my name is _____, and it's so good to see you today! Let's start by checking out our ping pong jar. What do we need to do to earn a ping pong ball?

Allow kids to answer: Bring a friend, say Word of Wonder, bring your Bible, bring an offering.

Great job! Now, why do we bring an offering?

Allow kids to answer.

That's right! Everything we have is a gift from God. When we give money, it helps us do special things on *Serve the City* days. We use the money to help people in our neighborhoods and to show them God's love.

Giving is one way we can help others and tell them about Jesus!

Thank you for giving! Let's have a fun time today!

Let's start by doing our Declaration together. Remember these are truths from the Bible we can hold onto always.

God's Big Story

Bible Time Rhyme

I open my Bible and what do I see? (*Hold your hands together, then open your palms, as if opening a book.*)

God's big story, waiting for me! (*Point to yourself.*) Let's start by reading part of God's big story from the book of John in the Bible. It's in the New Testament.

Read the God's Big Story Script provided or read [John 4:4–14](#), [21–26](#) from the Bible. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give the kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

GOD'S BIG STORY SCRIPT

Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a how God showed His love for us by sending Jesus. Encourage the kids to say, "Jesus." Let's find out from the Bible what happened.

Jesus spent a lot of time healing people and teaching the good news about God's kingdom. As He traveled, Jesus stopped to rest at a well just outside a town called Samaria.

A woman arrived at the well to get a drink. Jesus asked the woman for a drink of water from the well. Hold up the Well Picture. This is what a well looks like. A well is a hole that is dug into the ground to get water. Back then, people needed to lower something, like a bucket, to get water from underground so they could have a drink.

People where Jesus was from didn't usually talk to the people where the woman lived.

But the woman and Jesus started talking. Jesus said that if she knew who He was, she would want to know more about what He could give her. Jesus said He had water that would last longer than the water in the well. Wow! Hold up the Well Picture again.

The woman wanted to know more, and Jesus told her some amazing things that He knew about her life. He said that He is the living water. That means whoever believes in Him will live with God forever!

Jesus told the woman that He is the Promised One, sent from God to save people.

The Samaritan woman was so excited that she ran back to town to tell everyone about the man who told her these things. Everyone in town was amazed and many believed in Jesus because of what the woman told them.

Watch God's Big Story

Watch the [Jesus and the Woman at the Well God's Big Story!](#)

Worship

Connecting the Wonder Truth

Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD SENT JESUS TO SAVE US**. Where did you see our Wonder Truth happen in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.

Jesus told the Samaritan woman that He is Messiah—the Savior—who people had waited a very long time for. Many Samaritans started believing in Jesus because of her testimony. At this point in God's big story, Jesus was starting to show that God's salvation is for all people everywhere.

Word of Wonder

WORD OF WONDER

**God so loved the world. He gave His one
and only Son.**

—from John 3:16

Our Word of Wonder for the Hanging Out with Jesus series is from **John 3:16**. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **GOD**—*Point up to God.*
- **SO LOVED**—*Hands on heart.*
- **THE WORLD.**—*Hands in a big circle over your head.*
- **HE GAVE HIS ONE**—*Point up with one finger.*
- **AND ONLY SON.**—*Hold your hands out on either side (like a cross).*
- **FROM JOHN 3:16**—*Hold your hands together as if opening a book.*

Today we're learning that God sent His son, Jesus, to the world to save all of us. This verse tells us why God sent Jesus to save us.

Prayer Journal Questions

- **Who sent Jesus to earth?** (*God*)
- **Why do you think God sent Jesus to earth?** (*If kids need help, offer ideas such as: to save us, because He loves us, to forgive us, so we can have a relationship with God.*)

Watch the Word of Wonder Video