



LESSON 2

JESUS AND THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: God Sent Jesus to Save Us**SCRIPTURE:** John 4**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman at a well and reveals that He is the Messiah, the promised One sent to save all people.**WORD OF WONDER:** God so loved the world. He gave His one and only Son. —from John 3:16**FOUNDATION BUILDING BLOCKS****WHO?**

When Assyria destroyed the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 BC, foreigners were sent to live there. The Jewish people who were left behind intermarried with the foreigners and became known as Samaritans. The Jewish people considered Samaritans to be defiled religiously and ethnically.

WHAT?

It would have been very uncommon for a Jewish man to interact with a Samaritan woman. And with her background, the woman in this account may have been an outcast among her own people. But this Samaritan woman was about to get some very good news from Jesus!

WHERE?

The conversation takes place at Jacob's well, which is not mentioned elsewhere in Scripture. The Samaritans worshiped God at Mount Gerizim, which is where the Israelites announced the blessings they would receive for following God's law in the book of Deuteronomy.

WHEN?

Just a chapter earlier in the book of John, Jesus told Nicodemus how to receive eternal life. Nicodemus was righteous in the Jews' eyes, and the Samaritan woman was a defiled sinner. But both needed to hear the good news about Jesus!

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

Jesus revealed to the Samaritan woman that He is the long-awaited Messiah, and many Samaritans came to believe in Him because of her testimony. Jesus was beginning to make it clear that God's promise of salvation and restoration is available to all people everywhere.

Curiosity

Play Stations

Greet the kids warmly and briefly explain the play stations to them. Invite them to play at any of the stations.

Welcome to church! While we're getting ready to start, you can play at any of these stations to help you get ready for our lesson today. Do you have any ideas about what we'll be learning today?

Play Station: Water Bottle Bowling

Set up: Set out six empty water bottles in bowling pin formation and tape two parallel lines down the floor as the edges of the bowling lane. Set out a ball (such as a playground ball or a rubber ball that is heavy enough to knock over the bottles).

Play: Let the kids take turns trying to roll the ball down the bowling lane to knock over as many water bottles as they can.

Play Station: Water Tub

Set up: Place several towels over an area on the floor or table. Set out a bin and add water until it is partially full. Place several small measuring cups and spoons inside the tub.

Play: Invite the kids to scoop and play with the water in the bin. Tell them the story for today has to do with a woman who was getting water.

Play Station: Jesus and the Woman at the Well Coloring Sheet

Set up: Print one copy per kid of the coloring sheet and set out the coloring utensils.

Play: Let the kids color. The kids can also turn the sheet over and draw a picture of their favorite cup for drinking water.

Craft: Decorate a Water Cup

Ahead of time, print the [Cup Label Sheet](#) onto standard address shipping labels (1" x 2 5/8" labels) or write your own using markers to label each sticker with the following: God Sent Jesus to Save Me. You'll need one label for each kid.

In our story, the woman at the well had heard about, and was waiting for, the Savior, but she didn't know at first that Jesus was the One she had been waiting for. Jesus told her that He is the Savior, and she was amazed. Jesus came to be our Savior too!



Jesus told the woman He has something better than regular water: He is the One who forgives our sins (the wrong things we do) and saves! Jesus came to save us too. Let's make cups to remind us of the story and remind us He saves us!

Give each kid a disposable paper or foam cup, along with markers. Allow them to decorate their cups. Help the kids stick the label to the outside of their cups. They can also use foam stickers to decorate their cups.

Take your cup home as a reminder of today's story and Wonder Truth: GOD SENT JESUS TO SAVE US!



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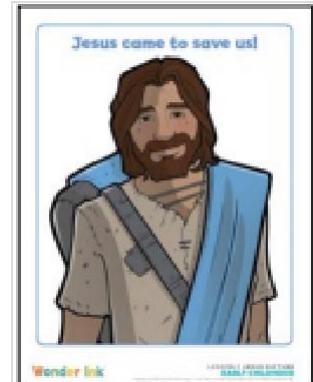
Closing Game: Finding Jesus "I Spy"

If you haven't already, print the [Jesus picture](#) (or simply write "Jesus" on a paper). When the kids aren't looking, hide the Jesus Picture behind or under something in your room.

I spy with my little eye, Jesus under something ... [name the color or description of the object the Jesus Picture is hidden behind or under]. Let the kids guess until they figure out where the picture is hidden. Then have the kids close their eyes (or turn their backs) and play again.

The woman in our story today didn't know she'd meet Jesus at the well!

When she did meet Him, her life was changed! We don't have to look hard for Jesus because He is always here. We can always remember God sent Jesus to save us!



Leader Tip: For young kids who may not know colors well, use other descriptors such as "something ... very big!"

Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for loving us.

Hold your hands on your heart when I say, "love" or "loving." Let's pray and talk to God.

God, thank You for loving (hands on heart) us so much that You sent Jesus to save us. Jesus came to forgive us and be our best friend. Help us share His love (hands on heart) with others! We love (hands on heart) You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: God sent Jesus to people who were ignored, and He brought hope to the world. May you always remember that you have hope in Jesus no matter what. God sent Jesus to save you because He loves you!