



Jesus Talks With the Samaritan Woman

John 4:5-42

Friendships are central to the life of a first- or second-grader. You'll often hear kids talking about their "new best friends" or someone relegated to the position of "second best friend." These relational ups and downs can be heartbreaking for many children. That's why children will identify so closely with the Samaritan woman in today's Bible passage. Use this lesson to help children realize that even when friends turn away, Jesus is a friend who loves us and gives us eternal life.



► Bible Point
Jesus loves everyone.

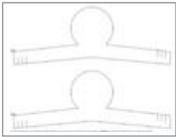
LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started	Havin' a Ball <i>(about 10 min.)</i> Play a game with a deflated ball, and talk about how Jesus loves everyone.	CD player, inflatable beach ball, paper grocery bag, timer (such as a cellphone or watch) Teacher Pack: CD	Place a deflated beach ball inside a paper bag. Be sure that kids don't see the ball before the game.
2 Bible Exploration	Well, Well, Well <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Act out the passage of the Samaritan woman as she came to the well and met Jesus.	Bible, large bowl, ice, water, paper cups, box large enough to fit the bowl Teacher Pack: Bible Timeline 	Place a large bowl of ice and water inside the box, along with a stack of paper cups.

Key Verse
"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:12).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Kids will share with others the gift of love that God has given them.





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<p>3</p> <p>Weaving Faith Into Life</p>	<p>Tell, Tell, Tell <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Play a game to tell others how Jesus gives us life, and then discuss telling others about Jesus.</p>	<p>My Bible Fun, crayons, CD player, copies of the lyrics page (at the end of this lesson) Teacher Pack: CD</p>	<p>Tear out the Lesson 4 pages from each My Bible Fun student book.</p>
	<p>A Delightful Drink <i>(about 15 min.)</i> Make cool cup holders, and then enjoy a refreshing drink as a reminder of Jesus' love.</p>	<p>Bibles, scissors, markers or crayons, pitcher of ice water, 9-ounce paper cups Teacher Pack: 1 copy per child of the "Cool Cup" pattern</p> 	
<p>4</p> <p>Lasting Impressions</p>	<p>Daily Challenges <i>(about 5 min.)</i> Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God's Word.</p>	<p>My Bible Fun</p>	
	<p>Weaving Faith at Home <i>(about 2 min.)</i> Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>		





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BIBLE
EXPLORATION

Well, Well, Well

What You'll Do

Gather children across the room from the box containing the water and ice. Tell kids to imagine that the box is a water well. Open your Bible to John 4:5-42, and show kids the passage.

Say: **Today's Bible passage comes from John 4:5-42. Jesus had been teaching and traveling when he came to a town in Samaria. It was about noon when Jesus got there, and his disciples went on into the town to buy food. Jesus was probably hot and tired from traveling, so he stopped at a well where he could get a drink.**

Show kids the "Jesus Talks With the Woman at the Well" picture on the Bible Timeline.

About that time, a Samaritan woman came to the well. Now usually, women came to the well in the morning when it was cool. They'd get all the water they'd need for the day. They'd see all their friends and talk about their families and what was happening in town. Let's imagine we're like those women. We'll walk to the well like a bunch of best friends.

Lead children in walking to the box, chatting and laughing. Ask children questions such as "How's your mother doing?" or "I heard your goat was sick. Is he better?" When you reach the "well," have everyone sit down.

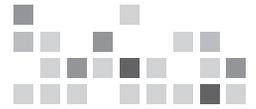
Say: **But the Samaritan woman who came to the well at noon wasn't like the others. She didn't have many friends. The other women teased her and said unkind things about her. She'd made some mistakes in her life and had done some wrong things. So she had to come to the well all alone. Let's pretend to come to the well like the sad Samaritan woman.**

Lead children back across the room; then walk slowly and sadly back to the box. Let children walk silently by themselves, with their heads down and their shoulders hunched. When you reach the well, have children sit down.

Say: **Jesus asked the woman for a drink. She was surprised because Jesus was a Jew, and Jews usually didn't talk to Samaritans. But Jesus kept talking to her! He said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst."**

Jesus was saying that his love was like a cool, refreshing drink.

Let each child come and dip some water from the well into a paper cup. Let children drink the icy water.



Well, Well, Well Supplies

- Bible
- large bowl
- ice
- water
- paper cups
- box large enough to fit the bowl
- Teacher Pack**
- Bible Timeline

Well, Well, Well Easy Prep

Place a large bowl of ice and water inside the box, along with a stack of paper cups.





Ask:

- **This is cold and refreshing water! Do you think you'll ever need another drink again? Why or why not?**

Say: **This water sure tastes good now, but we'll be thirsty again later. But Jesus was saying that his love lasts forever. When we believe in Jesus, he promises us life with God in heaven—a life that will never end.**

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What was it like to imagine that people didn't want you as a friend?**
- **Tell about a time you felt left out of a group you wanted to be in.**
- **How does love of friends make us feel included in a group?**
- **How have you felt Jesus' love?**

Say: **The Samaritan woman was all alone when she was coming to the well. She probably didn't have a friend in the world. But then she met Jesus. ► JESUS LOVES EVERYONE. And Jesus promised her more than love and friendship—he offered her eternal life! Let's find out what the Samaritan woman did with that wonderful news.**

3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Tell, Tell, Tell

What You'll Do ■■■■

Say: **Well, the Samaritan woman couldn't keep all that good news to herself! The Bible tells us that she left her water jar at the well and hurried back to town to tell everyone about Jesus. Let's see what that might've been like.**

Have children scatter around the room, as far apart as possible, and sit down. Ask a willing child to be the Samaritan woman. Explain that he or she will go to someone and say, "Jesus gives us life!" Then those two will link arms, travel to another person, and say, "Jesus gives us life!" Tell kids that when everyone is linked together, they can gather near the well and sit down. Continue until everyone is sitting near the well.

Say: **While we're at the well, let's sing a song about how it's possible that ► JESUS LOVES EVERYONE.**

Hand out copies of the lyrics, and play "I Am the Way" (John 14:6) (track 15 on the CD). After they listen once, have kids sing along and do the motions.

Tell, Tell, Tell Supplies

My Bible Fun
crayons
CD player
copies of the lyrics page
(at the end of this
lesson)

Teacher Pack

CD: "I Am the Way"
(John 14:6) (track 15)

Tell, Tell, Tell Easy Prep

Tear out the Lesson 4
pages from each My
Bible Fun student book.



I am the way, (raise hands high on “I,” then place palms in front of you—palms facing each other—like a path)

I am the way, (repeat motions)

I am the way (repeat motions)

And the truth (place pointer fingers on mouth, then motion out)

And the life. (place palms facing self, then move hands from low to high)

I am the way (raise hands high on “I,” then place palms in front of you—palms facing each other—like a path)

And the truth (place pointer fingers on mouth, then motion out)

And the life. (place palms facing self, then move hands from low to high)

No one comes to the Father (shake head and pointer finger “no”)

Except through me. (raise both hands high)

I am the way to the Father; (raise hands high on “I,” place palms in front of you—palms facing each other—like a path, then raise hands high again)

I am the way to the throne of God. (raise hands high on “I,” place palms in front of you—palms facing each other—like a path, then raise hands high again)

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And the truth (place pointer fingers on mouth, then motion out)

And the life. (place palms facing self, then move hands from low to high)

I am the way (raise hands high on “I,” then place palms in front of you—palms facing each other—like a path)

(The only way), (freestyle or twist to the beat)

I am the way (raise hands high on “I,” then place palms in front of you—palms facing each other—like a path)

(Not another way), (Freestyle or twist to the beat)

I am the way (raise hands high on “I,” then place palms in front of you—palms facing each other—like a path)

(That’s the way) (freestyle or twist to the beat)

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Except through me. (raise both hands high)

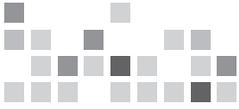
No one comes by another way, (shake head and pointer finger “no”)

So come through me, (motion “come here”)

And we’ll celebrate. (wave hands side to side overhead)

I am the way (raise hands high on “I,” then place palms in front of you—palms facing each other—like a path)





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I am the way.

I am the truth.

I am the life.

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Distribute the My Bible Fun pages. Set out crayons for kids to share. Have kids turn to the “Living Water” activity. On each of the stones of the well, have kids write a name of someone they will share the love of Jesus with. Then have kids write in the space above the well words they can use to describe Jesus. For example, kids might write “living water,” “loving,” “friend,” or “God’s Son.” When kids finish writing, have them form pairs to compare pictures.

Say: **When the Samaritan woman came to the well, she was sad and lonely. But then she met Jesus. When she left the well, she was excited and happy! And because she shared what she knew, lots and lots of people believed in Jesus. The Bible says that Jesus stayed in Samaria for two days, teaching people about God. Jesus wants everyone to find eternal life in him! What good news!**

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What makes it so exciting to tell others about Jesus?**
- **Talk about the people who’ve told you about Jesus’ love.**
- **In what ways does knowing Jesus’ love change us?**

Say: **Once the Samaritan woman realized who Jesus was and that he loved even her, she couldn’t keep that good news to herself. She saw that it’s really true that ► JESUS LOVES EVERYONE. Once that truth gets inside us, we too will want to tell others about Jesus.**





A Delightful Drink

What You'll Do

Distribute scissors, and give each child a copy of the “Cool Cup” pattern. Let each child cut out his or her cup holder and use markers or crayons to decorate it to look like himself or herself. Make sure children cut a slit in each paper “hand” to fit the cup. If you have mostly younger children, you may want to cut the slit for them.

Say: **The Bible explains what we can find in Jesus.** Help children find 1 John 5:12 in their Bibles; then read the Key Verse aloud: **“He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life” (1 John 5:12).** Say the Key Verse several times and ask kids to say it with you.

Give each child a 9-ounce paper cup.

Say: **Take the arms of your paper person, and wrap them around your cup—sort of like a big hug! That big hug can remind you how much Jesus loves you!**

Show children how to slide the slits together so the hands stay connected around the cup. (You may want to have transparent tape on hand in case the cup holders slip off the cups.)

Say: **Now I'll come around and give each person a cup of cold water. Water gives our bodies life, just as Jesus gives us eternal life. As I pour the water into your cup, I'll ask you, “What can we find in Jesus?” You can answer, “Jesus gives us life!” When everyone has a cup of water, we'll drink together as a way of remembering that Jesus' love is like a cool, refreshing drink.**

Pour ice-cold water into each child's cup. When each child has received water, lead children in drinking their water.

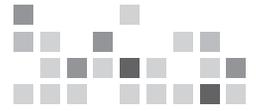
Talk With Kids

Lead kids in this discussion.

Ask:

- **In what ways is experiencing Jesus' love like drinking a nice cool cup of water?**
- **What does the craft we just made tell us about the love of Jesus?**
- **How can we experience Jesus' love more fully?**

Say: **God sent Jesus into the world to love the world. That love goes to one person at a time, as shown by our passage today about the Samaritan woman at the well. ► JESUS LOVES EVERYONE, and that includes you and me. Eternal life awaits us if we accept his love, and that will be so cool that we'll want to tell others about it!**



A Delightful Drink Supplies

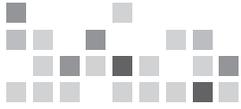
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- Bibles
- scissors
- markers or crayons
- pitcher of ice water
- 9-ounce paper cups

Teacher Pack

- 1 copy per child of the “Cool Cup” pattern





Daily Challenges Supplies

My Bible Fun

4 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Daily Challenges

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Let's think about how we can tell others that Jesus loves them and wants them to live forever with him this week.**

Have kids find this week's Daily Challenges on their My Bible Fun pages and choose one to do this week. They can choose one or more of these three options:

- **Think of someone you know who is sad or lonely. Tell him or her about Jesus this week!**
- **Make a list of all the people you know who don't know Jesus yet. Pray for each person on your list this week.**
- **One night at dinner, ask people at the table to share ways they've experienced Jesus' love.**

Make sure you choose a Daily Challenge as well, and tell the kids what you chose. Kids will be more inclined to follow through on their commitments when they see you doing the same.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Ask:

- **What's a practical way you're going to do your Daily Challenge? Share a time, a place, or other ideas. Allow time.**

Say: ► **JESUS LOVES EVERYONE. The Samaritan woman experienced new life in Jesus. Let's experience that new life, too, and share it with others by following through on our Daily Challenges.**

Weaving Faith at Home

Encourage kids to talk with their parents about the Daily Challenges they chose and what they learned about Jesus' love for everyone. Kids can also do the activities in the "HomeConnect" section of their My Bible Fun pages with their families.

Talk to your Director about emailing the FREE FamilyConnect to all your church's families. Available at group.com/digital.

Take a couple of minutes to pray with your kids, thanking God for loving everyone and for offering new life in Jesus, and asking God to help us when we feel sad or lonely. Pray to help us tell others about Jesus, just as the Samaritan woman did.



Lyrics ■■■■

I Am the Way (John 14:6)

I am the way,
 I am the way,
 I am the way
 And the truth and the life.
 I am the way and the truth and the life.
 No one comes to the Father except through me.

I am the way to the Father;
 I am the way to the throne of God.
 I am the way and the truth and the life.
 I am the way *(the only way)*,
 I am the way *(not another way)*,
 I am the way *(that's the way)*
 And the truth and the life.

I am the way and the truth and the life.
 No one comes to the Father except through me.
 No one comes by another way,
 So come through me, and we'll celebrate.
 I am the way and the truth and the life.
 I am the way *(the only way)*,
 I am the way *(not another way)*,
 I am the way *(that's the way)*
 And the truth and the life.

I am the way.
 I am the truth.
 I am the life.

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