



Jesus Talks With the Samaritan Woman

John 4:5-42

Preschoolers may not completely understand what love is since it’s an abstract concept. But they’ve learned who loves them, such as their parents or other family members, and they definitely know how to show love. Children this age are learning how people act when they love someone—for example, mom takes care of me because she loves me. Use this lesson to help preschoolers learn that Jesus loves everyone.



► **Bible Point**
Jesus loves everyone.

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
1 Getting Started <i>about 5 min.</i>	Welcome and Celebrate Welcome each other, and praise God through music.	CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
2 Key Verse Activity <i>about 10 min.</i>	Never-ending Game Play a game that never ends as they sing a song about believing.	Bible, CD player Teacher Pack: CD	
3 Bible Exploration <i>about 15 min.</i>	Puppy Pointers Hear why Theo is carrying an empty cup.	CD player, Theo puppet, empty cup, string Teacher Pack: CD	Tie the cup to Theo’s paw.
	Bible Time: A Bucket of Life Decide what they can drink that’ll fill them up.	Bible, scissors, yarn, bucket Teacher Pack: “Well” teaching picture 	Cut out the “Well” teaching picture as the directions suggest. Slip the tabs on the well through the cut lines on the well in the picture. Tie a piece of yarn to the top of the bucket, and slip the bucket between the two wells, leaving the yarn hanging over the edge.

Key Verse
“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies’ ”
(John 11:25).

Weaving Faith Into Life
Children will learn that Jesus loves everyone.





LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<p style="text-align: center;">4 Weaving Faith Into Life <i>about 20 min.</i> <i>(Choose 2 centers.)</i></p>	<p>Center 1: “Jesus” Drops Create water drops with Jesus in the center.</p>	My Bible Hugs, scissors, glue sticks, bowls of water, blue chalk	Remove the Lesson 4 pages from each My Bible Hugs student book. Cut out the Jesus picture from each page. Then write children’s names on the page.
	<p>Center 2: Wells of Life Mix together a no-bake recipe, and make wells.</p>	12-ounce box of vanilla wafers, 6-ounce can of thawed orange juice concentrate, 16 ounces of powdered sugar, ½ cup of margarine, large bowl, wax paper, resealable quart-size bag, large spoon, antibacterial gel (optional) Teacher Pack: assembled “Well” teaching picture from the “Bible Time: A Bucket of Life” activity	
	<p>Center 3: Water “Taste Test” Experience which water is extra-special.</p>	cups, water, sugar-free flavored water	For each child, put a sip of plain water in one cup and a sip of flavored water in a separate cup.
	<p>Center 4: Jesus Fills Me Decorate water cups to show how Jesus’ love fills them up.</p>	white paper cups, markers	
<p style="text-align: center;">5 Lasting Impressions <i>about 10 min.</i></p>	<p>Daily Challenges Choose a Daily Challenge to apply God’s Word.</p>	My Bible Hugs	
	<p>Action Prayer Pop up with a prayer of thanks for Jesus’ friendship.</p>		
	<p>Weaving Faith at Home Talk about how to share what they learned with their families.</p>		





Welcome and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

Teacher Pack

CD: "Welcome, friends!" (track 21), "Life in Heaven" (track 24)

1 GETTING STARTED

Welcome and Celebrate

 **Tip** Consistently use the same signal to announce a transition to the next activity. You could flip the lights off and on, use a train whistle, have a puppet rustling inside a bag, or sing cleanup songs. Keep it simple, consistent, and fun.

What You'll Do

As the children arrive, greet each one with a smile. When it's time to begin, use your signal to gather the children together in a circle.

Lead children in singing "Welcome, Friends!" (track 21 on the CD) to the tune of "Are You Sleeping?" Encourage children to follow the motions in parentheses.

 **Welcome, friends! Welcome, friends!** (*motion "come" twice*)
To God's house, to God's house. (*put hands together above head to make a house*)
We will learn from God above (*point up*)
How Jesus came to share his love. (*hug self*)
Join the fun! Join the fun! (*jump up and down*)
(Repeat.)

Say: **I'm so glad you're here to join the fun! Let's sing another song!**

Sing "Life in Heaven" (track 24 on the CD) to the tune of "Oh, Dear! What Can the Matter Be?" Encourage children to follow the motions in parentheses.

 **Dear God, give us life in heaven!** (*fold hands and bow heads*)
Dear God, give us life in heaven! (*fold hands and bow heads*)
Dear God, give us life in heaven! (*fold hands and bow heads*)
In Jesus' name, amen! (*throw your hands up in the air*)
(Repeat 2x.)

Talk With Kids

Say: ► **JESUS LOVES EVERYONE. He wants every person to live with him in heaven.**



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**KEY VERSE
ACTIVITY**

Never-ending Game

What You'll Do

Have the children sit in a circle. Open your Bible to John 11:25, and show children the words.

Say: **Our Key Verse from the Bible says, "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.'" That means that people who believe in Jesus will live forever. Let's say our Key Verse together.** Lead the children in repeating the simplified Key Verse after you: **People who believe in Jesus will live forever (John 11:25).**

Say: **Let's play a game that'll seem like it goes on forever—like it never ends! We'll sing a song about believing in Jesus as we play the game that might go on forever. Stay in our circle, and every time you hear the word *Jesus* in our song, pop up!** Demonstrate. Then say: **One person will go around the circle and can tap anyone on the shoulder who is standing up.** Demonstrate. Then continue: **The person who was tapped will go around the circle and the other person will sit in that person's place as everyone else sits, too.** Demonstrate. Then say: **You have to go all the way around the circle once before you can tap someone.** Check for understanding. Then play "I Believe in You" (track 12 on the CD). The track lasts for more than four minutes; play until kids are tired of the activity.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- What was this game like for you?
- What's good about living forever?

Say: **Let's say our Key Verse together one more time: People who believe in Jesus will live forever (John 11:25). ► JESUS LOVES EVERYONE—he wants everyone to believe in him so they can live forever with him in heaven.**



Never-ending Game Supplies

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- Bible
 - CD player
 - Teacher Pack**
 - CD: "I Believe in You"
(track 12)





Puppy Pointers Supplies

CD player
Theo puppet
empty cup
string

Teacher Pack

CD: "Here, Theo"
(track 4)

Puppy Pointers Easy Prep

Tie the cup to Theo's
paw.

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BIBLE EXPLORATION

Puppy Pointers

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Listen everyone, Theo's coming! He has something to show us. Let's find out what it is.** Play "Here, Theo" (track 4 on the CD), and bring out Theophilus the FaithRetriever.

Theo: Hi, everybody!

Teacher: Hello, Theo! It's so good to see you at church with us today. What did you bring with you?

Theo: I brought an empty cup

Teacher: Why did you bring an empty cup?

Theo: I heard Jesus was at the well—I wanted to go there and meet him. So I brought a cup to get some water while I'm there.

Teacher: Theo, Jesus was at the well a long time ago—but you're right, Jesus does want to meet all of us because he loves us.

Theo: Oh, so I'm too late, then?

Teacher: Jesus may not be at that well anymore, but everyone who believes in him can meet Jesus.

Theo: Really—everyone?

Teacher: Yes—friends, let's tell Theo our Bible Point for today.

*(Lead children in saying the Bible Point for Theo: ► **JESUS LOVES EVERYONE.**)*

Teacher: Jesus loves everyone. Anyone who believes in him can live with Jesus forever.

Theo: Wow, it sounds like Jesus' love is really great! I guess I'll take my cup with me. I have to go now. Have fun, boys and girls!

Teacher: Friends, let's say goodbye to Theo!

Encourage the children to wave or say goodbye to Theo. Then put Theo away in a safe place for next week's use.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- **What did Theo learn today?**
- **What does Jesus do that shows that he loves everyone?**

Say: ► **JESUS LOVES EVERYONE—he wants every single person to be his friend. When Jesus was at the well that Theo mentioned, he met a woman there. Let's hear about that now.**



Bible Time: A Bucket of Life

What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Open your Bible to John 4:5-42, and show the children the words. Tell children that the Bible is God's special book.

Show the "Well" teaching picture, and say: **The Bible tells us that Jesus gives us life. There was once a woman who was very thirsty. She went to a well to get some water.** Point to the well in the picture. **A well is a deep hole that people put buckets into so they can bring water up to drink. The well may have looked something like this one. Jesus was standing by the well, and he knew the woman was thirsty. What do you drink when you're thirsty?** Allow time.

Say: **Jesus knew that the woman at the well was sad and that she needed more than a drink. I wonder what the woman at the well found.** Choose a child to pull the bucket from the teaching picture out of the well to reveal the picture of Jesus on the bucket. **The woman needed more than water. She needed a friendship with Jesus that would last forever.**

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

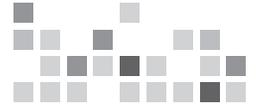
Ask:

- Tell about a time you needed a friend.
- Why do you think Jesus is a really good friend?

Say: **Jesus loved the woman at the well— ► JESUS LOVES EVERYONE. He wanted her to know that he could be her friend forever, and he wants each of you to know that, too. The woman was so happy to know Jesus that she went to tell everyone she knew!**

4 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

Choose at least two of the learning centers to help reinforce today's Bible lesson. Gather the needed materials, and put the supplies in an out-of-sight area until you're ready for them. Allow the children to choose which center they'd like to explore first. Then circulate among the children as they create and explore. Encourage them to make connections between their activities and the Bible by asking them the questions included with each center's description.



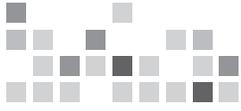
Bible Time: A Bucket of Life Supplies

- Bible
- scissors
- yarn
- bucket
- Teacher Pack**
- "Well" teaching picture

Bible Time: A Bucket of Life Easy Prep

Cut out the "Well" teaching picture as the directions suggest. Slip the tabs on the well through the cut lines on the well in the picture. Tie a piece of yarn to the top of the bucket, and slip the bucket between the two wells, leaving the yarn hanging over the edge.





Center 1: “Jesus” Drops Supplies

My Bible Hugs
scissors
glue sticks
bowls of water
blue chalk

Center 1: “Jesus” Drops Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 4 pages from each My Bible Hugs student book. Cut out the Jesus picture from each page. Then write children’s names on the page.

Center 2: Wells of Life Supplies

12-ounce box of vanilla wafers
6-ounce can of thawed orange juice concentrate
16 ounces of powdered sugar
½ cup of margarine
large bowl
wax paper
resealable quart-size bag
large spoon
antibacterial gel (optional)

**ALLERGY
ALERT**

CENTER 1:

“Jesus” Drops

What You’ll Do

Give each child a Lesson 4 page from My Bible Hugs, cut apart.

Have preschoolers use glue sticks to glue Jesus’ face in the water drop. Give each child a piece of blue chalk, and let them dip their chalk in the water and rub color onto the page. As children color, remind them that Jesus told the woman at the well that she needed more than water; she needed a friendship with Jesus.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Why do we need water?
- Why do you think we need Jesus even more than water?

Say: **Jesus gave the woman at the well something better than water—he said he’d be her friend. Jesus loved the woman at the well. ► JESUS LOVES EVERYONE. He wants everyone to be his friend and to live with him forever.**

CENTER 2:

Wells of Life

What You’ll Do

Have children clean their hands, then sit down for the snack. Set a large bowl on the table, and ask the children to gather around the table. Place the vanilla wafers into a resealable plastic bag. Pass the bag around the table, and have kids lay the bag on the table and pound on the cookies until they turn into crumbs. Pour the crumbs into the bowl. Help the children measure and mix the rest of the ingredients into the bowl.

Set a square piece of wax paper in front of each child, and place a glob of the cookie dough in front of each child. Show children the picture of the well used in the Bible Time: A Bucket of Life activity. Say: **Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well and told her how to have a friendship with him forever. Make a little well to remind you that ► JESUS LOVES EVERYONE.** Have each child roll the dough into a ball and then push his or her thumb in the middle to make a well. Invite one child to pray before children eat the snack.

Talk With Kids

Lead children in this discussion.



Ask:

- Tell about a friend you’ve had for a long time.
- Why do you want Jesus to be your forever friend?

Say: Jesus told the Samaritan woman that he would be her forever friend. Jesus loved her very much, and he loves you, too. ► JESUS LOVES EVERYONE and wants everyone to be his friend.

■ **CENTER 3:**

Water “Taste Test”

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Ask kids to close their eyes, and give them each a cup with plain water to taste. Have kids describe it and tell whether they liked it. Then say: **When Jesus met the woman at the well, he told her he had something much more special than the water she was there for. I have another water for you to try.** Have kids close their eyes and give them each a flavored water to taste. Then say: **Tell whether you thought one of the waters was better than the other.** Allow time. **One water was better than the other. The woman Jesus met at the well may have thought he meant a more tasty water, like what we tried. But he meant something even better than any water we can drink. Jesus wanted to give the woman love and a friendship—something that would never run out.**

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about your very favorite drink.
- Tell about your favorite friend.
- Why are you happy to have a friendship with Jesus?

Say: Jesus gave the woman at the well something extra-special. He gave her something more than she imagined. He became her friend—and he said their friendship would never end. The woman was excited to have Jesus’ love and friendship forever. She told everyone she knew that ► JESUS LOVES EVERYONE!

■ **CENTER 4:**

Jesus Fills Me

What You’ll Do ■■■■■■

Give each child a white paper cup. Say: **The woman at the well went to fill her bucket with water. But Jesus told her he could give her something better. He said he could give her something that would fill her up forever. He was talking about love and**



Center 3: Water “Taste Test” Supplies

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water

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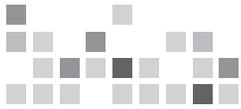
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For each child, put a
sip of plain water in
one cup and a sip of
flavored water in a
separate cup.

Center 4: Jesus Fills Me Supplies

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white paper cups
markers





friendship. And he can give you that, too, because ► **JESUS LOVES EVERYONE.** What are some reasons you know Jesus loves you? Allow time, and then have kids decorate the outsides of their paper cups. Challenge them to fill the whole outside of the paper cup with color. Then say: **When we believe in Jesus, he'll fill our cups with love and friendship. And he'll do that for anyone who believes in him because he loves everyone.**

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Lead children in this discussion.

Ask:

- Tell about someone you know who might need Jesus as a friend.
- What can you do to help that person know that Jesus loves him or her?

Say: When we believe in Jesus, we can have a friendship with him—and his friendship will be so great that it'll fill us up forever. This week, share with someone that ► **JESUS LOVES EVERYONE.** Give the person you thought of your decorated cup and tell about the woman at the well.

5 LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Daily Challenges

What You'll Do ■■■■

After the children have cleaned up their centers, bring everyone back to a circle area on the floor. Review the lesson activities and the Bible Point, and then encourage the children to share what they remember about what they learned from the Bible today.

Also use this time to challenge kids in their faith. Encourage them to choose a Daily Challenge for applying today's lesson to their lives this week. Use this challenge for encouraging your children's growing relationships with Jesus.

Talk With Kids ■■■■

Say: Today we learned that ► **JESUS LOVES EVERYONE.** I would like each of you to choose a way you can show Jesus this week that you're thankful for his love and that you love him, too.

Read the three Daily Challenge ideas for children to choose from:

- When you drink water this week, remember the woman at the well and thank Jesus for giving us a gift even better than water—his love!
- Smile at people when you go somewhere with your family. If they smile back, tell them "Jesus loves you and me!"
- Have a tea party with your friends and family. At your party, tell why you love each other and then explain that Jesus loves all of you.

Daily Challenges
Supplies

My Bible Hugs



Have kids each whisper in your ear or tell you which idea they've chosen, and then circle it on each child's My Bible Hugs page. Make sure you tell kids the challenge you choose. Your commitment will inspire children and will give them an opportunity to see God at work in your life as well as in theirs!



Action Prayer

What You'll Do

Have the children sit in a circle. Remind them that Jesus loves them. Have children practice jumping up to show excitement about Jesus' love and friendship. Then pray: **Thank you, Jesus, for being friends with us.** Have kids take turns popping up and saying something they're thankful to Jesus for. Close by saying: **In your name, amen.**

Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their My Bible Hugs pages whether they worked on them or not. Have the children tell their parents the challenge they committed to in the "Daily Challenges" activity. Encourage the parents to help their kids fulfill this commitment throughout the week. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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