

At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12 Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus Unit 2, Lesson 9

# Jesus and the Woman at the Well

Lesson Aim: To consider the meaning of living water and how tell others about Jesus.

## THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What is your favorite thing to drink?

**GAME:** Well Water Relay Race

## THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE KING WHO SERVES

Read Worship Scripture: Revelation 21:5-7

Sing songs and worship God. (Use the Seven Stars of Lent activity if this lesson occurs during the 40 days before Easter.)

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook.

#### THE WORD JESUS TALKS WITH THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: Jesus talked with Nicodemus being born again.

Today, we'll learn about the woman at the well who talked with Jesus about eternal life. Point to Samaria. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 4:6-11, 13-14, 25-26, 28-30, 39-42. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 4:13-14. Pray. Read.

## THE WAY TELLING EVERYONE ABOUT JESUS

Why was it unusual for Jesus to talk with this woman? (Jews did not talk with Samaritans.) Jesus came to save people like the woman at the well and like each one of us. Some people believe in a false god or in no god at all. Some grow up in Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, or Hindu families. Which of these people would Jesus invite to believe in Him and follow Him? (All of them. Jesus said whoever believes in Him shall have eternal life.)

What was the name of the special water Jesus described? (Living water.) Living water stands for life forever with Jesus. What do you think He meant when He said, "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst?" (God made our hearts to be with Him. Without Jesus, our hearts stay thirsty.) Who did Jesus tell her that He was? (Christ, the Messiah.) After meeting Him for themselves, who did the people say that Jesus was? (The Savior of the world.)

Seat children around a circle of rocks, symbolizing a well. Place a bucket of drinking water nearby. Choose volunteers to deliver cups and serve water. Jesus used moments from everyday life to help people understand who He was. He spoke to fishermen about being fishers of men. He spoke to Nicodemus about being born again. To the woman at the well, He spoke of living water. How would you explain eternal life to a young child? To someone your age? To a grandparent? (Eternal life is being close with God forever.)

What did the woman do after she talked to Jesus? (She put down her water jug to go tell everyone to come and see Jesus.) Did anyone believe in Jesus because of what she said? (Yes.) How does this story encourage you to tell others about Jesus?

#### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

700 years before Jesus spoke about living water, the Lord spoke through Isaiah to invite us to come to the water and find life for our souls. Reveal Isaiah 55:1a, 3. Find It First. Highlight. Read. Who did the Lord invite? (All who are thirsty.) What does it mean to be thirsty for God? Have you ever wanted to be closer to Him?

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

#### FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Bottle of water
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #9
- OFFERING OF ART: Jesus talking with the woman at the well
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

## **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Water for All **GAME:** Name That Follower **CRAFT:** Global Paper People

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: Come, Follow Me; The Wave

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