



Worship Illustration: Script
Kingdom Adventures
Kings & Kingdoms Part 1: The Life of Jesus
Unit 2, Lesson 9

Jesus and the Woman at the Well

John 4:7-11, 13-14, 25-26, 28-30, 41-42

Running time: Approximately 6 minutes

Set: The set for Units 1-4 is designed to look like a Medieval Castle. It is the Palace of the King. There is a curtained opening center stage, a ramp stage right and an upper level where characters can enter. There is a window stage left for puppets and a hinged stained glass window stage right that opens to reveal the Bible. For added interest, build windows and levels where the characters and puppets can pop up unexpectedly.

Characters: Sir Praisealot is a brave knight and the Captain of the Castle Guard. He praises God all the time. His weakness is that his pride some times gets in the way. Prince Lovesalot is a young prince who is simply overflowing with love for all people and all of God's creation. He wants the whole world to know the love of the King. He speaks with a rural "country" accent. Rufus is a dragon puppet who thinks he is a dog. He delivers messages from the King.

Plot: Sir Praisealot's cousin, Prince Loves-a-lot, arrives for a visit. Praisealot tells him about the woman at the well. We learn that when we follow Jesus he gives us eternal life called "living water."

Costumes: tunic, boots, chain mail, basket, crown, cape, heart covered trousers, wig.

Props: Sword, Prince symbol, basket full of rose petals.

Sound effects (SFX):

1. Intro/Outro music suggestions: familiar castle/battle themes from movies such as The Lord of the Rings, or Monty Python and the Holy Grail, or Productiontrax.com – The Price of Freedom, Iron Lore, Prepare for Battle, Rain of Fire; (i-movies: Timely, pursuit, heroes, flurry, saber.)
2. Horse galloping
3. Fanfare trumpet
4. "All You Need is Love" by The Beatles
5. Stained Glass Window suggestion: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" from Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" or other royal song clip. Music plays when this window is opened during each episode to reveal the Bible.

Visual effects (VFX):

1. Video Intro featuring knights on horseback is available at ResourceWell.org
2. Hinged, stained glass window holds the Bible. When opened, light shines out and music plays.
3. Scripture Slide: Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:13-14
4. Closing Slide: "Serving the King is the noblest thing!"

Adaptations:

1. Sound Effects: instead of using recorded effects, have children make the sounds
2. Voiceovers: may be spoken off stage
3. This illustration is also available in storybook form located at ResourceWell.org

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Voiceover: (VFX: short video intro.)

In ancient days noble knights roamed the land doing good deeds and acts of service for their king. Many of those brave squires served the greatest Lord of all, The King of Kings! Travel with us now as we ride with these mighty men of God on their quest for Kingdom Adventures!

Praisealot (SFX: fanfare trumpet; horse galloping) Tally ho, tally ho! Stay Shadow! Good boy! Hello children, it is I, Sir Praise-a-lot, praise God! I am proud to say that my training sessions with Squire Gus are going so splendidly that I have given him some time off to rest and pray and spend time with God. After all even a knight needs a night off. Ha! Did you hear that? I made a funny. "A knight needs a night off." I slay me!

Rufus (enters)
Bark, bark, bark!

Praisealot
Oh, hello Rufus. Good to see you, my friend.

Rufus
Bark, bark!

Praisealot
What's that? Someone is visiting the Kingdom? Well, who would be visiting me?

Rufus (tosses out Prince symbol)
Bark, bark, bark, bark!

Praisealot
What is this odd thing? It looks like an arrow only strangely twisted. Wait, I recognize this symbol! It's the artist formerly known as Prince!

Rufus
Bark, bark, bark!

Praisealot
A prince is coming? Who prince? What prince? (Rufus tosses a heart) The Prince of Hearts? The Prince of Love? Prince Loves-a-lot!

Rufus
Bark, bark, bark!

Praisealot
My cousin, Prince Lovesalot is coming to visit me? Oh, thank you for telling me, Rufus.

Rufus
Bark, bark, bark! (Exit.)

Praisealot
God bless you too, Rufus! Oh children, I am so excited! My cousin, Prince Loves-a-lot from the faraway Kingdom of Agape is coming here to visit! We must get ready to welcome him in a royal fashion! Put your hands in the air, and wave them back and forth from over here to over there. (SFX: "All You Need is Love") Ah, here he comes now! Welcome Prince Loves-a-lot!

Lovesalot (enters tossing rose petals) Hello, you beautiful creatures! You look lovely. I love you all! Big love! Big love!

Praisealot
Prince Lovesalot! So glad you're here!

Lovesalot
And I am glad to be here! Hello cousin, love the beard.

Praisealot
Children, this is my favorite cousin, Prince Lovesalot.

Lovesalot
Hello all of you beautiful people! I just love your Kingdom. And thank you for that wonderful greeting! Dear cousin, what are you doing out here in this lovely garden?

Praisealot

Actually, I was about to do my Bible study.

Lovesalot

Oh, I love, love, LOVE the Bible!

Praisealot

I know you do. Why don't you get the Bible out?

Lovesalot

Me? You want me to get the Bible?

Praisealot

Of course, God's Word is for everyone.

Lovesalot (gets Bible)

I shall get it, right now! (Opens stained glass window with Bible and lighting) (SFX: "King of Kings and Lord of Lords") **Ah, God's Word is amazing.**

Praisealot

'Tis amazing, isn't it? This is the story of the woman at the well.

Lovesalot

What woman? What well?

Praisealot

Why don't you read it and find out?

Lovesalot

You want me to read the story?

Praisealot

The Bible *is* for all of us.

Lovesalot

What an honor. I'd love to. This story is about a Samaritan woman who went to a well to get water and she met Jesus there.

Praisealot

What did Jesus say to her?

Lovesalot

He asked her for a drink.

Praisealot

Did she give it to Him?

Lovesalot

No, she did not. She said, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" Why did she ask him that?

Praisealot

You see, cousin, in Bible Times, Jews did not speak with Samaritans.

Lovesalot

That's just silly. Didn't everyone just love each other?

Praisealot

Sadly, no. The Samaritans did not serve the one true God.

Lovesalot

So, Jesus could not speak to her?

Praisealot

He was not supposed to. But Jesus spoke to her all the same! He offered her "living water!"

Lovesalot

Where is this "living water?" And how can I get some?

Praisealot

That is the same question she asked and do you know what Jesus said?

Lovesalot

No!

Praisealot

Well, read it!

Lovesalot

(SFX: Scripture slide) **Oh yes! Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**

Praisealot

Now that's some amazing water, isn't it?

Lovesalot

Yes...but Jesus wasn't talking about regular water, was He? When Jesus said "living water," he meant life that lasts forever with Him!

Praisealot

Yes! Because when we follow Jesus He gives us eternal life and His Spirit flows through us forever like water forever flowing up from a spring!

Lovesalot

And that talk with Jesus changed that woman's life forever! The Bible says, she put down her water jar and went back to town to tell everyone to come meet Jesus!

Praisealot

And many Samaritans believed in Him and followed Him!

Lovesalot

Oh, Sir Praisealot, I love this story! The Jewish people did not even like to talk to Samaritans. But Jesus loved her and gave her people, the Samaritans, the same choice to believe and follow Him as he had given the Jews!

Praisealot

That's because, just like His Word is for everyone, Jesus also came for everyone! And He wants us to tell everyone about Him, just as the woman at the well did.

Lovesalot

Oh, that is a wonderful idea. The more people we tell about Jesus, the more who will believe in Him and become a part of His kingdom. You know, I love to travel around God's kingdom and spread love to all of His servants. Jesus loves each one of them.

Praisealot

Jesus does love them. He loves all of us, children, and if we just follow Him, He will fill us all with "living water!"

Lovesalot

I can feel that "living water" flowing through me and that makes me want to serve the King even more!

Praisealot

That makes sense. After all, say it with us kids!

Both

Serving the King is the noblest thing! (VFX: Closing slide.) **Come Prince Loves-a-lot let us go and have refreshments and speak of the things of God!** (SFX: outro music)

Lovesalot

I would truly love that.

Praisealot

See you next time, kids! (They exit)