



Jesus and the Woman at the Well

Lesson Aim: To tell others about Jesus.

THE WORSHIP

Who God is: The King Who Serves

THE WORD

Bible Story: John 4:7, 10-11, 13-14, 25-26, 28-30, 41-42

What He has done: Jesus spoke with the woman at the well about eternal life and His identity.

Key Verse: John 4:13-14

THE WAY

Christ Connection: Isaiah 43:19-21

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

"'Come, follow Me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.'" Matthew 16:24, 4:19

Unit 2: The King Who Serves			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
7	Jesus Teaches: The Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1-12	Jesus taught the crowds about God's blessings.	To know the blessings of the heart God provides for those in His kingdom.
8	Jesus and Nicodemus, John 3:1-5, 16	Jesus answers Nicodemus' questions about salvation.	To consider personal salvation and discover the meaning of being born again.
9	Jesus and the Woman at the Well, John 4:7, 10-11, 13-14, 25-26, 28-30, 41-42	Jesus spoke with the woman at the well about eternal life and His identity.	To tell others about Jesus.
10	Jesus with Mary and Martha, Luke 10:38-42	Jesus encouraged Martha to spend time with Him.	To give priority to spending time with Jesus.
11	Jesus and Zacchaeus, Luke 19:1-10	Jesus sought Zacchaeus and went to his home.	To know Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read Revelation 22:1-6. Please join us in praying, "Thank you, Lord, for coming to all people and meeting us wherever we are with the living water of eternal life. Let us be Your witnesses. Amen."



Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Meet & Greet	None
		Game: Well Water Relay Race	Three large buckets, three small buckets of equal size, three cups of equal size, water
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org	Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song: "Follow Me" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "For God So Loved The World" "I Am the Way" "Praise The Lord, O My Soul" "Search Me, O God" Additional Hymn Suggestions: "I Want to Know You" "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" Additional Song Collection Suggestions: Absolute All Time Favorites For Kids Sunday School Jamz by Worship Jamz
		Worship Scripture Reading: Revelation 21:5-7	Bible
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	Lesson 9 Kingdom Adventures script or storybook
THE WORD	Up to 10	Read the Word: John 4:7, 10-11, 13-14, 25-26, 28-30, 41-42	Map—Samaria, Bibles, Bible Story Scripture reference poster
THE WAY	Up to 25	Discuss the Word	Bibles, Christ Connection Scripture reference poster, rocks, bucket of drinking water, cups
		Christ Connection: Isaiah 43:19-21	
		Golden Bowl	
	Final 5	Final Five Minutes	Treasure Treat—Bottle of water, Daily Ways, basket, paper, pencils, crayons or markers, prayer notebook, Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song "Follow Me," CD player
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Snack: Water for All	Favorite snack, water
	Up to 10	Game: Name That Follower	None
	Up to 10	Craft: Global Paper People	Flesh-colored sturdy paper, crayons or markers, pencil, colored paper, glue, scissors
	Up to 10	Bible Memory Verse Activity: Come, Follow Me	Sturdy paper, a marker, Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse poster
	Up to 5	Bible Memory Verse Activity: The Wave	Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse poster or Bible
	Up to 5	Bible Timeline Review	Timeline

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Getting started

THE WELCOME

To spark anticipation, encourage arriving children to meet and greet one another with today's question.
Meet & Greet Question: What is your favorite thing to drink?

GAME: WELL WATER RELAY RACE

Purpose: This game will introduce Jesus' conversation with the woman at the well and the idea that anyone can believe in and follow Him.

Supplies: Three large buckets, three small buckets of equal size, three cups of equal size, water

Prepare: Put the three large buckets on a starting line on one side of the play area and fill with water. Place the three small buckets on the other side of the play area opposite the large buckets.

Optional: If you cannot use water, fill the large buckets with popcorn, marbles, wrapped candies or other similar substance. Have the children pretend the items are water. If you cannot play this game outside, be sure to protect the play area with plastic or play on a water tolerant surface. You can also use sports bottles in place of cups and have the children close the bottle lids while they are running.

Today, we will discover how Jesus talked with a woman at a well. He offered a special type of water to her. Let's have our own Well Water Relay Race! First, I will divide you into three special teams.

Directions:

1. Form three teams based on a similarity, such as eye color, shirt color, or shoe type.
2. Line each team behind a large bucket of water. Give a cup to the first child in each line.
3. On your signal, the first child is to dip the cup into the water, race to their team's small bucket, and dump the water into it. The player then runs back to their team, hands the cup to the next player and then goes to the back of the team's line.
4. The next player repeats the process.
5. Continue playing until a team's small bucket is full of water. That team wins the game.

Did you wonder why I separated you into teams of people who were alike in some way? Did you feel different from the other teams? Why? (Children respond.)

Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well. She was very different from Him. In Bible Times, a Jewish man was not supposed to talk with a Samaritan woman. We will find out why and what happened in a few minutes.



Jesus as the King who serves

THE WORSHIP

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play music as children move to the designated area.

The Seven Stars of Lent

If this lesson is taught during the Lenten season (the 40 days before Easter), we recommend the Seven Stars of Lent activity located at ResourceWell.org under Children - Other Resources. Choose one star for each week of the Lent season.



Today, we worship the King who serves. To serve is to give someone what they need. In today's Bible Story, the woman at the well needed eternal life. That's life forever close with God. Jesus called it living water. Jesus wants to serve everyone—it doesn't matter to Jesus if we are a woman, a man, a boy, or a girl. It doesn't matter what we look like, where we come from, or what we have done. Jesus gives life that lasts forever with God to anyone who follows Him. Volunteer reads Revelation 21:5-7.

Together we can serve God by worshiping Him with our offering and songs of praise. We can thank Him for being so good to give life forever to anyone who follows Him.



Sing Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song, "Follow Me." You may also choose to sing songs that focus on eternal life.



Perform Kingdom Adventures script or read storybook: Kings & Kingdoms Unit 2, Lesson 9.



Jesus talks with the woman at the well

THE WORD

Teacher Tip: As you move from worship to instruction, change rooms or locations within a room to help redirect the children's focus to the Bible story. During this transition time, have each child write his or her name on a card and place it in the Golden Bowl.

Before we read God's Word, let's go over our Class Covenant. A covenant is an agreement. Just as God made a covenant with His people, I ask each of you to make this covenant promise with me today. Listen as I read our Class Covenant: "I will keep my eyes on my teacher, my mouth in control, my ears on God's Word; knowing God is my goal."

Last time, we met a Jewish leader named Nicodemus who came to see Jesus at night. Jesus talked with Nicodemus about eternal life which is life forever with God. Jesus called it being "born again." Today, we'll meet the Samaritan woman at the well who also talked with Jesus about eternal life. If a map is available, point to Samaria.



If you brought your Bible, open it now and share with others. Hand out spare Bibles. **Today's Scripture verse is behind the curtain** (or secret door, secret window, etc.). Child reveals Bible Story Scripture reference: John 4:7, 10-11, 13-14, 25-26, 28-30, 41-42.

Before we read, let's stand and ask God to open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to His Word today. Who'd like to pray that for us? Child prays aloud. **Be seated.**

Jesus met the Samaritan woman as He sat near Jacob's well. He was resting there after a long journey. Let's see how Jesus described eternal life to the woman at the well. Read John 4:7, 10-11, 13-14, 25-26, 28-30, 41-42.



Telling everyone about Jesus

THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Create a well for the children to sit around by placing rocks in a circle. Have a bucket of drinking water and cups for the children to share.

Where did Jesus talk to the woman? (At the well.) **He talked with her about a special kind of water. What was the name of that special water?** (Living water.) **Living water stands for life forever with Jesus.**

When Jesus said, “Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst,” He was not talking about our mouths being thirsty for regular water. He was talking about our hearts being thirsty for life with Him. God made our hearts to be thirsty for life with Jesus. If we don’t have Him, our hearts stay thirsty. Jesus doesn’t care what we look like, where we come from, or what we have done before. As long as we choose to believe and follow Jesus, He gives us the living water. He gives us life that lasts forever with God.

What did the woman do after she talked to Jesus? (Put down her water jug and told everyone to come see Jesus.) **That’s what believers all over the world do today and so can you. It’s easier to tell people about Jesus than you might think. We don’t have to teach or give a speech. We just tell others what Jesus has done for us. That’s what the woman at the well did. She went back into town and told all kinds of people what had happened to her.**

SEVEN SECONDS OF SILENCE: Seat children around a circle of rocks, symbolizing a well. Place a bucket of drinking water nearby. **As we sit around our well, take seven seconds of silence to think of something you want to tell others about God. You might tell what you’ve seen of God’s power or His love in your life this week. Or, you may simply think about His words about living water in today’s story.** Lead children in seven seconds of silence.

SHARING AT THE WELL: Choose volunteers to deliver cups and serve water. **Just as the woman shared her story with the townspeople, we can share our stories about what God has done in our lives. You may share your story or just enjoy the water and listen to others’ good news. Who would like to share what God is doing in your life?** (Children respond.)



Connecting the Old Testament, the New Testament and Us

CHRIST CONNECTION

Who made water? (God.) **Why do you think God made water?** (So we won’t be thirsty.) **700 years before Jesus talked about living water, God gave us another reason why He gives water to His people. Let’s find out where else God talks about water in the Bible.**



Everyone, place your Bible on your lap. Choose a child to reveal the Christ Connection Scripture reference: Isaiah 43:19-21. **Let’s find these verses.** Read Isaiah 43:19-21.

To proclaim God’s praise means to tell others how great God is. How did we do that today? (We told each other what God has done in our lives.) **How can you do that at home?** (Tell our families something great God has done.)

THE WAY *continued...*



Revelation 5:8

GOLDEN BOWL

Teacher Tip: Write the names of classmates, local church leaders, and children in other nations or others who need prayer on small pieces of paper. Place the papers in a golden bowl.

Revelation 5:8 says our prayers are like sweet smelling incense in the golden bowls at God's throne. So I'm going to lift each one of your names to God's throne as you pray for each person silently. Then we'll pray the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) aloud together. Let's pray.

Lord God, we lift up to Your throne the name of each child here. We trust You to watch over us and our needs, the ones we say aloud and the ones hidden in our hearts. First, we lift up to You ____, ____, ____. Read names in Golden Bowl.

Now, we pray the prayer Your Son taught us: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

TREASURE TREAT: Today, your Treasure Treat is a bottle of water. Before you drink it, tell someone what Jesus told the woman at the well about living water. Talk with your family about the way Jesus invites everyone to have life forever with Him.

DAILY WAY CHALLENGE: Did anyone bring in their completed Daily Way from last time? Praise or reward those who return a Daily Way. Distribute Lesson 9 Daily Way 5-day Bible study. **Complete this week's Daily Way at home and let God speak to you through His own words in the Bible. Join the Daily Way Challenge by returning your completed Daily Way.**

Teacher Tip: Collect Daily Ways in a basket or other container and periodically reward children as a group for completing the challenge.

OFFERING OF ART: Until it is time to be dismissed, make an Offering of Art. For your offering, draw a picture of Jesus talking with the woman at the well. The Offering of Art can be finished at home or given as an offering for the teacher to display.

PRAYER REQUESTS: As children work on their Offering of Art, ask how you can pray for them this week. Write requests in a prayer notebook.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG: Play the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse Song in the background as children wait to be dismissed.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SNACK: WATER FOR ALL

Purpose: Connect with your students while enjoying a snack to help them think about how Jesus' living water is for everyone.

Snack Suggestion: Favorite snack, water

Teacher Tip: Today, while discussing the Bible Story (THE WAY), children will be gathered around a well. This snack can be incorporated in earlier segments or served separately as follows.

Jesus talked with the Samaritan woman when she came to the well to get water. He offered her "living water," which stands for eternal life—life forever close with God. We receive living water by believing in Jesus and following Him. Jesus gives everyone the choice to follow Him; no matter what they look like, where they are from, or what they have done. Let's have some water, to remember the Samaritan woman getting water from the well.

Directions:

1. Give each child a snack and water.
2. Ask a child to pray and thank God for the snack.
3. As you eat, ask the children to answer the Snack Discussion Question: **"Why do you think Jesus used water to teach about eternal life?"**

GAME: NAME THAT FOLLOWER

Purpose: To see how Jesus includes all kinds of people in the invitation to follow Him.

Supplies: None

Jesus gives everyone the choice to follow Him, no matter what they look like, where they are from, or what they have done. I will describe some very different kinds of people. Let's see if you can remember their names!

Directions:

1. Teacher or helper reads first description on list.
2. Children guess the name of the follower. Teacher may give other hints: Describe follower in more detail, say the first syllable of the name, say a word that rhymes with the name, etc.
3. Repeat until children have named each follower.

Description of Jesus' followers:

1. **This man baptized Jesus.** (John the Baptist.)
2. **Jesus taught from this fisherman's boat.** (Peter.)
3. **Jesus taught this group nine blessings called the Beatitudes.** (The crowd on the mountainside.)
4. **This religious leader came to see Jesus at night.** (Nicodemus.)
5. **This woman came to fill her jar with water.** (Samaritan woman at the well.)

GOT TIME? *continued...*

CRAFT: GLOBAL PAPER PEOPLE

Purpose: To create a craft to help the children remember the choice to believe in Jesus is for everyone.

Supplies: Flesh-colored sturdy paper, crayons or markers, pencil, colored paper, glue, scissors

Prepare: Create a sample craft. You may wish to create a template of the “half of a person” for tracing.

Jesus talked with the woman at the well. Why was that strange? (Jewish men were not supposed to talk to Samaritan women.) **What did Jesus offer to the woman?** (Living water—The choice to believe in and follow Him.) **Who does Jesus offer this choice to?** (Everyone. Anyone in the world can choose to believe in Jesus.)

Jesus doesn't care what anyone looks like, if they wear great clothes, have a certain skin or hair color, or come from a particular religion. Everyone has the chance to follow Him. Let's make some paper people who are holding hands but look very different. Take the paper people home to remind you that the choice to believe in Jesus is for everyone.

Directions:

1. Fold a sheet of paper into one-inch folds, accordion-style.
2. Leaving the paper folded, place it in front of you, vertically, with the two non-folded edges on the left and the side with all folded edges on the right.
3. Draw or trace half of a person so the center of the head and body is on the right, all-folded edges of the paper. Have the arm of the half person go off the left side of the paper. (This will allow the hands of the half person to be joined when the paper is unfolded.)
4. Cut out the half person shape, but do not cut down the right edge of the folded paper (the center of the person's head and body) or the left edge of the folded paper where the hands are.
5. Open the folded paper. You should have a line of people holding hands.
6. Decorate the people so each one looks different. You can cut paper clothes from the colored paper and glue them on. You can color their skin, hair and eyes different colors.

GOT TIME? *continued...*



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 16:24; 4:19

GAME: COME, FOLLOW ME

Purpose: Children step on footprints to learn the words and meaning of the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Sturdy paper, a marker, Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse poster

Prepare: Cut 31 footprint shapes from sturdy paper. Write one word of the Bible Memory Verse on each footprint. Display the poster where the children can see it.

Shuffle the footprints as you ask the following questions:

Who should we follow? (Jesus.) **Jesus says we must do some things to follow Him. What does He want us to do?** (Deny yourself and take up your cross.) **This means following Jesus is not easy. Denying ourselves means not being selfish. Taking up our cross means following Jesus even when it's hard or we don't want to. When might serving Jesus be hard?** (When others make fun of us, when it's more fun to make fun of someone instead of help them, when we should stand up for what is right when everyone else likes the wrong way.)

What does Jesus say He will do for us? (Make us fishers of men.) **What is a "fisher of men?"** (Someone who helps others learn about and follow Jesus.) **If we follow Jesus with all of our hearts by obeying and serving Him no matter what, He will lead us to help others follow Him, too.**

Directions:

1. Say the Bible Memory Verse together.
2. Distribute the footprints as evenly as possible among the children.
3. On your signal, children race to place the footprints on the floor in the correct order.

Teacher Tip: For a more competitive version of this game, divide the children into two teams. Time the first team as they place the 31 footprints in order. Then have the second team race to see which team is the fastest at placing the footprints in the correct order.

GAME: THE WAVE

Purpose: Children memorize the Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse: Matthew 16:24; 4:19.

Supplies: Unit 2 Bible Memory Verse poster or Bible

Directions:

1. Assign one phrase from Matthew 16:24; 4:19 to each child or group.
2. Direct each child or group to quickly stand, say the assigned phrase while raising both hands up to the sky and then down to the thighs and then sit down.
3. Repeat three times, faster each time.

GOT TIME? *continued...*



BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW

Kings & Kingdoms Part One studies the life of Jesus (Circa 0-33 A.D.) beginning with the only story of His childhood and then focusing on His relationships, His ministry, His teachings, and the events surrounding His death, resurrection, and ascension. It concludes with a study of His kingdom parables. Review recent Bible stories to see the continuing story of who God is and what He has done.

Jesus Teaches the Beatitudes (Circa 30 A.D.) Jesus sat down on the mountainside and taught the crowd about the Beatitudes; nine blessings that come to the humble. These blessings are not earned by good deeds, but given freely to those who are fit to receive them. Which beatitude is most meaningful to you? (Children respond.)

Jesus and Nicodemus (Circa 30 A.D.) What time of day did Nicodemus come to ask Jesus questions? (At night.) What did Jesus say we must do to see the kingdom of God? (Be born again.) How did Jesus say we receive the gift of eternal life? (Believe in Him.)

Jesus and the Woman at the Well (Circa 30 A.D.) Who did Jesus meet at the well? (A Samaritan woman.) What did He ask her for? (A drink of water.) What did Jesus mean when He said He gives living water? (Living water stands for eternal life. Jesus gives life forever close with God.) What did the woman do after she talked with Jesus? (She put down her water jug to go tell everyone to come and see Jesus.)

How to create a Bible Timeline for the Life of Jesus:

1. Print each footprint on sturdy paper.
2. Choose a wall or other visible location to display the timeline.
3. Before each lesson, add the footprint for that lesson to the Bible Timeline using the list below.
Children can follow in Jesus' footsteps as they review past lessons.
4. To review, ask the corresponding questions as you point to the associated footprint.

Life of Jesus: Jesus and His Father's House > Jesus Is Baptized > Jesus Is Tempted > Jesus Calls His Disciples > Jesus Clears the Temple > Jesus Is Transfigured > Jesus Teaches the Beatitudes > Jesus and Nicodemus > Jesus and the Woman at the Well > Jesus with Mary and Martha > Jesus and Zacchaeus > Jesus Is Anointed > The Triumphal Entry > Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet > Jesus and the Last Supper > Jesus in the Garden > Jesus and the Cross > Jesus Is Risen > The Road to Emmaus > Jesus Talks with Peter > The Great Commission > The King Ascends

Kingdom Parables: The Lost Sheep > The Sower > The Vine and the Branches > The Workers in the Vineyard > The Great Banquet > The Rich Fool > The Talents > Lazarus and the Rich Man > The Lost Son > The Good Samaritan