



3rd - 5th

February 13-14, 2016

DATE

Woman at the well

LESSON TITLE

John 4:1-26; Matthew 19:26

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus knows everything about us.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Never underestimate the power of a smile! Always be aware of what your face is communicating to kids and their parents (when they first come to your room, while you're playing crazy games, as you listen to the Large Group presenter, and when you say good bye!)

check-in/out

Ask kids about the woman at the well, and how we're like her!

large group heads up

Today, we're learning about how Jesus knew the woman he met at the well. And even though he knew her secrets, he loved her, and told her that he was the Rescuer she had been waiting for. Jesus knows every detail of our lives and hearts too!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER

- Have kids get in pairs. Kids will have one minute to tell their partners as much as they can about themselves, while the partner has to remember as much as possible.
- Put a **1-minute countdown** on the screen and let the first kid in each pair go. After their minute is up, **start the timer over** and let the second kid go.
- Now it's time to remember what we heard! Have partners take turns saying everything they can remember about each other.
- Then let kids find a **NEW** partner, and start the whole game over again!
- Let kids play the game with several partners, or until it's time for Large Group.

TALK ABOUT IT

- How much do you remember about your partners?
- Who is the person that knows you best?

Before you go to Large Group, you can ask kids how their week went. You can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of the woman at the well, (2) understand how Jesus knows everything about us, and (3) identify how we can trust Jesus as a rescuer who came to bring us life.

Why? It's hard to imagine that Jesus could know each of us on such a personal level...but he does!

Tip: It takes vulnerability to admit that Jesus knows things about you that aren't all good...make sure you show that vulnerability to kids, so they feel comfortable opening up!

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why did Jesus talk to the woman? (he wanted water at first, but really he wanted to share with her that he loves her and is the long awaited messiah/Rescuer)
2. What surprised the woman about her conversation with Jesus? (Jesus knew her and all of her secrets; Jesus told her he was the Rescuer; Jesus wanted to rescue her, wanted to give her living water)
3. How do you think the woman felt when she realized Jesus knew her?
4. How do you think the woman felt when she realized Jesus is the Rescuer?
5. Why do you think Jesus chose to announce that he was the Rescuer to this woman who was disliked by everybody and not following God at all? (he loves people no matter who they are; he wants to rescue everyone)
6. How does it make you feel to think about Jesus knowing every single thing about you?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Split your group into teams of no more than 6 kids each. Give each team a **game board**, a **die**, a **set of game cards** and a **game piece** for each kid.
- **Here's the rules to play the game:**
 - Roll the die and move that number of spaces along the game board path.
 - When you land on a colored space, hand the die to the next person and let them go. When you land on a space with a star, **pick up a card**. Each card has a funny action you have to do (Some kids will need help reading their card, so be available.) After they've done the funny action, they have to **say something that they want Jesus' help with**. (If kids are uncomfortable sharing, don't force them.)
 - Everyone gets to finish the WHOLE game and get his or her game piece to the end.

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- Tell kids to let you know when they finish, so you can hand them a **verse card**. (Matthew 19:26)

Extra Time? Play the Connect Time game again, but make it a contest. Have kids partner up and tell each other as much as they can in a minute. Then, have kids compete to see who can remember the most about their partner (you be the judge!)

special notes

Sometimes it's helpful to prepare for a lesson by spending some time with Jesus and asking him to reveal what he wants you to say. Think about how it makes you feel that Jesus knows you inside and out and loves you no matter what. Then, express that to kids!

presenter tips

Today's story deals with Jesus knowing our innermost secrets and mistakes, but that doesn't mean we need to make kids spill all their secrets. Make sure you don't push kids to tell you something if they don't want to share. But encourage them to be open and honest with Jesus.

script

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WELCOME AND INTRO

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so glad you came. You guys just spent Connect Time getting to know each other really well, and I'd love to hear about how that went. Does anybody want to come up here and share as much as you can remember about your new friends? (Let 1 or 2 kids come up and try to repeat everything they heard.) It's really hard to remember everything about a person, especially when you heard so much in such a short time!

Let's think of someone else now. Think in your head of the person who knows you best. (Let kids think for a few seconds.) Anybody want to share who knows you best? (Let kids share.) How do these people know you so well? (Let kids share things like spend time with them, ask them questions, etc.) That's right!

Today, we're going to hear a story about a woman that Jesus met for the first time. Even though she didn't know him, he knew her very well.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

(show map of path from Judea to Galilee) Jesus was traveling from Judea to Galilee. It was a really long trip, and there was a place in the middle called Samaria. Israelites did NOT like people from Samaria. In fact, Jews and Samaritans hated each other. They fought about everything, like where to worship God and whether there was one real God or lots of gods. These fights had been going on for hundreds and hundreds of years!

Even though Jesus was an Israelite—a Jew—he decided to go through Samaria. And the woman he meets in today's story is a Samaritan. She's shocked that Jesus would even speak to her, because most Jews would never talk to a Samaritan. But there's something else that surprises her even more! Let's watch a video to see what happened when they met. As you



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watch, try to figure out what surprises the woman more than anything!

Video: Woman at the Well clip

What do you guys think the woman was most surprised about? (Let kids respond. They may say that Jesus knew all about her history, or that he was the Savior she was waiting for.) Yes, first, this woman was blown away when Jesus knew her deepest, darkest secrets. There was no way he could have known that!

LIVING WATER

But then, something else shocked her too. What was it? (Let kids respond.) Yep, she began to realize who Jesus was. He was the long-awaited Messiah. Messiah is another word for the Rescuer! Even though Jews and Samaritans fought and hated each other, they were ALL waiting for a rescuer to save them from all of the sin in the world.

Jesus said something else, and it was a little strange. He called himself “living water.” (**Click to show water slide.**) What do you think that means? (Let kids respond.) Good guesses. Here’s what Jesus was saying. We need water to live, right? Well regular water is just that. Regular. We need more and more of it every day if we want to survive. But Jesus is saying that he’s like water too. We need him to live. But the type of water he offers us is special. It lasts FOREVER.

When Jesus rescued us, he gave us the Holy Spirit to help us follow Jesus—it’s like he’s giving us “living water” all the time, to help us live like him.

Now remember, the woman at the well was hated by almost everyone. She hadn’t made good choices. And she probably worshipped other gods. But did Jesus want to rescue her anyway, so she could be in God’s family and follow him? (Let kids say: YES). Yes, he absolutely did! In 1 Samuel 16:7, the Bible tells us this:

SLIDE: Samuel 16:7: The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

People saw a woman who was dirty and poor and had made really bad choices. But Jesus saw a woman who would be excited to know that he was the Rescuer she was waiting for! He wanted her to be a part of his family.

JESUS KNOWS US

The best part is, Jesus didn’t just know that woman. He knows *you*. And *me*. In fact, the Bible tells us he knows how many hairs are on our heads. He knows every little thing we’ve done, wrong or right. He knows what we’re thinking. He knows everything we WILL DO in the future. And no matter what we have done, he loves us and wants us to accept his rescue and be a part of God’s family!

Raise your hand if you think Jesus knows everything about you. (Let kids respond.) Raise your hand if you think Jesus loves you no matter what you’ve done. (Let kids respond.) Raise your hand if Jesus came to earth to rescue YOU from the wrong things you’ve done. (Let kids respond.) Good job everyone! You’re all right.



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RESPONSE TIME

Let's all take a minute to close our eyes and spend some time with Jesus. Jesus knows every single thing you've done, whether it's good or bad. He knows every choice you've ever made; he knows the things that no one else does. And no matter what, he still loves you. He still wants to rescue you. In your head, thank Jesus for that. Ask him to give you living water, just like he gave to the woman at the well. (Let kids be silent for 30 seconds.) Okay, open your eyes,

It's kind of hard to believe Jesus feels that way about us, isn't it? It seems impossible that Jesus can know EVERYTHING about us, and love us no matter what wrong choices we've made. Let's read this verse together. It's all about how Jesus makes everything possible.

SLIDE: Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With people, this is impossible. But with God, all things are possible."

Regular people don't know our every thought and choice. And regular people certainly can't rescue us from all the wrong things in the world. But God can. He can do anything, and he loves us no matter what.

PRAY

Jesus, we're so glad you've given us living water, instead of just regular water. You want us to live like you, and follow you. We're so glad you've rescued us, and that you love us no matter what. Amen!

WORSHIP

One of the best ways to show our thanks to Jesus is to worship him out loud with singing and dancing. Everyone stand up and follow along with me!

Music Video: Before I Go

Music Video: You Are

**Dismiss kids to small groups*



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Get to Know You game – no supplies needed (use keynote slide for countdown)

small group supplies

Per kid: 1 plastic game piece (plastic poker chip), 1 verse card: Matthew 19:26 (4 verse cards per 8 x 11 page, color, cardstock)

Per group of 6 kids: 1 game board (printed on 11 x 17 cardstock), 1 foam die (OT # IN-39/716), 1 set of game cards in a ziplock

large group supplies

Bible

a/v needs

1. Video: 1 minute countdown version 1 (KC and SM media videos songs>video>countdowns>1 minute countdown version 1)
2. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
3. Slide: map
4. Video: Woman at the well (KC and SM media videos songs>videos>miscellaneous)
5. Slide: water
6. Slide: Samuel 16:7: The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.
7. Slide: Matthew 19:26 Jesus looked at them and said, "With people, this is impossible. But with God, all things are possible.
8. Song: Before I Go (KC and SM media videos songs>songs>songs with slides)
9. Music Video: You Are (<https://vimeo.com/112963091>)

connect questions

Tell me about the woman at the well.
What did Jesus say to her?

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