

KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

DATE: 5/24/20

SCRIPTURE: John 4

LESSON: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

INTRO



Parents say to your kid(s) - Last week, we talked about Jesus talking to a guy named Nicodemus. Nicodemus was sure he was doing everything right, but Jesus taught him that everyone needs to be saved by faith. This week, we're going to see Jesus is going to meet someone very different from Nicodemus. She was sure she had not done everything right, and wasn't sure why anyone would love her.

Optional Activity - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Worth - Get the largest monetary bill you have (\$20 is ideal, but a \$5 will work). With your kids create the grossest goop in a bowl you can. (Use dirt, grime, hot sauce, etc. Just make it filthy nasty!). Now dip the bill in the mixture, make sure it gets really dirty. Then make a show of going to throw the bill away because it is so dirty. Your kids will jump and attempt to stop you from throwing this bill away because they know that just because the bill is dirty, it still has worth.

Say - The woman Jesus talks to in our story today kind of felt like this bill. She had sin in her life that left her with stains and shame. But knew she still had worth because He had made her in His image. Let's see how Jesus loves and redeems her:

LESSON - Jesus and the Samaritan Woman



Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus and the Samaritan Woman](#)

Story Point #1: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus met a woman He wasn't "supposed" to talk to. (Kids repeat!)

It wasn't normal for Jews to talk to Samaritans or for men to talk to women. Especially not if they were strangers! Also, this woman was getting water in the heat of the day because she wasn't well-liked in her town. There were a lot of reasons for Jesus not to talk to her, but He didn't let those things stop Him from sharing His love for her. Jesus loves everyone - no matter what age, race, how liked they are, their past sins, etc.!

Story Point #2: (Kids repeat!)

Jesus offered her water that would fulfill her thirst forever. (Kids repeat!)

Samaria is in the desert so the woman was probably very thirsty physically. But she also had a deeper spiritual thirst. The woman had been married to 5 men, which means she had lived a tough life (either from sin or suffering). Jesus offered her "Living Water" which John 7 tells us is His Holy Spirit. Jesus' Spirit is the only thing that can satisfy us. Trying to rely on anything other than Jesus is like drinking that gross water we put the \$__ bill in earlier! Eww! The woman was very interested in the "Living Water". Jesus told her He was the Messiah and she believed in Him!

Story Point #3: (Kids repeat!)

The Samaritan woman wanted everyone to know about Jesus. (Kids repeat!)

This interaction with Jesus changed everything for this woman. Instead of shame about her sins and hard life, she now knew she was loved and accepted by Jesus. Her deepest thirst was now met. She ran to her town and told everyone about Jesus, the

Messiah. Jesus spoke to many people in Samaria and many more of them believed He was their Lord and Savior. The actions of the Samaritan woman led many other people to the “Living Water” Jesus offers.

Christ Connection! (Kids repeat!)

Jesus is the living water we need. (kids repeat)

There are many good things in life: cold water on a hot day, puppies... a hug from your Mom or Dad. But as good as those things are, they will never quench our deepest thirst forever. Only the love of Jesus can do that. The good news is that Jesus offers his love and His Holy Spirit to anyone that repents from sin to seek and love Him!

RESPONSE



Sing: [In This Way](#) (Key Passage Song)
[James 1:5](#)

Pray: Lord, thank You for Your saving love that You give freely. Thank You that You want me to be a part of Your mission for everyone to know about Your love.

Discuss:

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- What did Jesus ask for when He first saw the Samaritan woman? *(a drink of water, John 4:7)*
- What did Jesus say would happen to a person who drinks the living water? *(He will never thirst again. It will become a well in him. He will have eternal life; John 4:14)*
- What is the living water Jesus spoke about? *(The Holy Spirit; John 7:37-39)*
- How can we receive “living water”? *Remind the kids that the Bible teaches everyone who believes the gospel will be saved. When we believe the gospel, we repent of sin and love God and trust Jesus. God forgives our sin, gives us new hearts, and sends His Spirit to live in us and help us obey God out of love.*
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing? *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out. If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com.*



BONUS ACTIVITIES

Coloring Sheet - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

Parent Share - What is something in your life that you have felt shame over like this woman that Jesus has shown you that you are worthy of love anyway?

Spoons - For this game, you need a deck of cards and spoons (one fewer than the number of players). Deal four cards to each player and put the spoons and the rest of the deck in the center. Each player tries to make four of a kind. The dealer takes a card from the deck to have five cards in their hand. Then discards one and passes it face down to the left. Each player discards to the person on their left. The last player places their discard into a trash pile. Cards are picked up and passed quickly around until someone gets four of a kind. As fast as possible they grab a spoon! Once the player with four of a kind takes a spoon, anyone can take a spoon. The player left without a spoon gets a letter. Use the letters in “spoon” to keep score, once someone has all of the letters S-P-O-O-N, they are out. Last person standing wins!