LESSON TITLE: Woman at the Well

LESSON OVERVIEW: You will be teaching the story of the woman at the well and how Jesus was kind to her by showing love to her. We can tell our friends about Jesus.

BIBLE STORY: Woman at the Well (John 4:4-26)

MEMORY VERSE: Jesus said to her, “those who drink the water I give, will never be thirsty again.” John 4:14

TEACHING OBJECTIVE: To help kids learn that Jesus loves and cares about all people and He wants us to do the same.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE LESSON

- **Part 1: Bible Lesson:** Bible, puppet, empty water bottle, full water bottle, and rocks to put in empty water bottle.
- **Part 2: Memory Verse Activity:** Large bowl or pitcher of water, small cups, and measuring cup.
- **Part 3: Craft:** Water bottle or small sealable container per child, glitter, glue or duct tape, strips of paper per child, and markers or crayons.
PART 1: BIBLE LESSON (15 minutes)

BIBLE LESSON TEXT: John 4:4-26

SUPPLIES: Puppet, an empty water bottle, a water bottle full of rocks, and a Bible.

PREPARE: Gather an empty water bottle, a full water bottle and a water bottle full of rocks. Have a puppet and an empty water bottle with you in a puppet bag or a basket, or have an adult ready to help you carrying the empty water bottle.

Teaching Tip: Always have your Bible open when you are telling the story so that children know that what you are teaching comes from the Bible, especially, if you are not reading the text word for word.

INTRODUCTION TO LESSON: Hi, I’ve brought a friend with me today, would you like to meet him/her? Well he/she is here in my bag. Let’s get her out. (get puppet out) Hi Mango, are you glad to see all these kids here today? (you can have the puppet talk in your ear, or some puppets make sounds or squeeks) I am too. (interact with puppet, open his mouth like he is thirsty, ask him what’s the matter...ect.) Oh, you have something in the bag to show us? (pull out the empty water bottle) Oh, are you thirsty? (puppet nods) and your water is all gone? (puppet nods again) Oh my, I’m sorry! Wait I think I have one here with me. (get out the full water bottle) Here would you like a drink? (pretend to give him a drink) (puppet acts much better) I bet that’s better. I hate it when I’m really thirsty don’t you boys and girls? Well, today’s lesson is going to be about special water that only Jesus can give us. Would you like to hear about it? First I bet Mango (the puppet) would love to have a hug from you. (let the kids hug the puppet.) Well, we had better put Mango away for his nap, we will be sure to put his water with him. (if you use a person to help you, the conversation would be very similar.)

BIBLE LESSON: OK, every time I say the word “Jesus”, I want you to make the Jesus sign (use your pointer finger, starting with the right finger, touch it to the left hands palm, then touch the left finger to right palm. This is sign language for Jesus.). And every time I say “the woman” I want you to start your hands at your head and make long hair to your shoulders like this (just have your hands come down from the top of your head down to shoulders like touching long hair). O.K., here we go.

Jesus and his friends, the disciples, were on their way home. Jesus told the disciples to go into town to buy some food. Jesus was very tired, so he sat down by a well. Do you know what a well is? (Describe a well to the kids). As Jesus was resting, a woman came up to get some water. Jesus looked at the woman and asked her for a drink of water. The woman was startled. She was from Samaria and Jewish people like Jesus never talk
to them. The woman asked Jesus why he was even talking to her. (Ask the kids if they have ever had anyone be mean to them, or if they are sometimes not nice to other people. Talk about how Jesus loves everyone.)

Jesus told the woman, if you knew who I was, you would be asking me for a drink, because I can give you special water, and you will never be thirsty again. The woman said she wanted some of that water, but where would they get it from? She said she believed the Savior would come and answer all their questions. Jesus said, HE is her Savior! He is the Messiah. And the woman believed Him and even brought her friends and family to meet Jesus, and they believed Him too!! We can tell our friends about Jesus just like she did.

Living Water Game (Hot Potato):
Use the full water bottle and the bottle full of rocks, have the kids sit in a circle. Play like hot potato, have them pass the bottles around in the circle (you could use music and when it stops, they stop, or just have a teacher say stop). Whoever has the water bottle stays in the circle, whoever has the bottle of rocks, has to sit out, until there is only 1 child left. Talk about which one would help us if we are thirsty.

EXTRA ACTIVITY: Have all the kids act like fish. Fishy faces, move hands and arms like fish and/or crabs, hold your nose and pretend to go under water. Ask them if fish can live without water? Ask if we can live without water. Tell them our hearts and souls get thirsty too, and only Jesus can make them not thirsty anymore.
PART 2: MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY/GAME (15 minutes)

*Jesus said to her, “those who drink the water I give, will never be thirsty again.”*

**SUPPLIES:** A large bowl or pitcher of water, dixie cups or any other small cups. Something to use as a dipper, such as a measuring cup.

**PREPARATION:** Fill bowl or pitcher with water.

**READ THE VERSE:** Read the kids the verse: Jesus said to her, “those who drink the water I give, will never be thirsty again.” Do motions with the verse like this:

- **Jesus:** take the pointer finger of each hand and touch the the palm of the other hand, starting with right pointer finger touching left palm.
- **said to her:** point to your mouth
- **those who drink the water I give:** act like you are drinking from a glass of water
- **will never be thirsty again:** shake your head no and cross your hands in front of each other like saying no.

**EXPLAIN THE VERSE:** Do you ever get thirsty? What is your favorite thing to drink? (take time to let them answer) Those things taste good, but water is best when you are really thirsty. But later we do get thirsty again. Are your hearts thirsty? Like when you feel sad, or alone? (again, let them have time to answer too.) Jesus gives us what we need for our insides. He will forgive us, and make us feel joy inside. And His joy doesn’t go away. He lives inside us and gives us what we need. He loves us

**LEARN THE VERSE:** Have the kids line up to get their drink of water. Have them say, “I am thirsty, can I have a drink?” As you give them their drink, say the Bible verse to them, or have another person say it to them if you have more than 1 helper.

**EXTRA ACTIVITY:** Sing a song about Living Water - *(sung to the tune of Jesus loves the little Children)*

*Jesus is the living water
Living water to my soul
I will give my heart to Him
He will give me joy again
Jesus is the Living water for my soul*

**EXTRA ACTIVITY 2:** Show a picture of Jesus, and a Picture of Water: Talk about what each one does for us, such as:
- Water gets us clean, it’s fun to play in, it makes us feel better when we are thirsty.
- Jesus forgives our sin, makes our souls feel joy, is making a place for us in heaven.
PART 3: CRAFT (15 minutes)

SUPPLIES: water bottle or baby food jar for each child, glitter, glue or duct tape, cut ONE strip of paper per child with the words “Jesus is Living Water” (page 6), crayons, markers, stickers, and tape to attach the paper to the jar with.

PREPARATION: put a small amount of glitter in each bottle or jar, (this may also be done after the jar is decorated) get the strips of paper ready.

INSTRUCTION:
1. Have the kids decorate their strip of paper. Talk about Jesus being living water and what that means to you. Ask them what they like to drink, talk to them about Jesus and who He is. Ask them about Jesus.
2. If you are going to have them decorate the jar, make sure it is well closed (or you may want to put the glitter in after they are decorated).
3. Fill the jar with water about ¾ full and secure the lid with glue, or duct tape, whatever works best with the jars or bottles you choose.
4. Shake them and see their surprise as the glitter mixes up. Talk about how the living water of Jesus can make us “shine” before others. Tell when they take them home, they can remember how Jesus gives them special water for their souls.

EXTRA ACTIVITY: Color Page on page 7 of this lesson.
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