

Large Group Leader:

Time	Slide	What to Do	Materials
10 minutes	1	Set up Computer with songs on Youtube, google slides powerpoint for today	
3 minutes	2	Start timer. Invite classes to join	Timer video
2 minutes	3	Welcome kids Collect the offering: For clean water in Africa! You can also talk about when the bring the clean water to the village, they share about Jesus. See the new chart!!! I update this chart after each Sunday, you don't need to do this.	Offering bag
	4	Birthdays: Brooklyn Mutch	
	5-6	Call to worship: Leader: Is anybody thirsty today? (<i>Wait for kids to shout "Yes!" or raise hands</i>) Leader: Sometimes our bodies get thirsty for a cold glass of water after running outside. But did you know our hearts can get thirsty too? All: Our hearts need something only God can give! Leader: Jesus told a woman at a well that he isn't just regular water—He is the Living Water . All: If we drink from His water, we will never be thirsty again! Leader: His love fills us up like a splashing fountain. His kindness overflows like a rushing river. All: We are here to celebrate the one who refreshes our souls!	

		Leader: So, let's clap our hands like waves and lift our voices like a waterfall	
	7	Jesus Strong and Kind Video	
2 minutes	8	Matthew 6:31 and 33 – This is played on Right Now Media account. Seeds Kids Worship: Matthew 6:31 and 33	Bible
	9	Read new memory verse	
		Peace Like a River	
	11	Jesus told a woman about the living water	
3 minutes	12	Watch the video of the story	powerpoint
		Ask a few questions: 1) How did the Jewish people feel about Samaritan people? How did Jesus treat her? 2) What did Jesus need? What did the woman need?	
	13	Questions for kids video	
	14	Pray: Jesus, thank You for offering Your life so that we can have a relationship with You forever. You are the living water and You are what we need most. Amen.	
1 minute	15	Do the blessing with them: May the Lord Bless You and Keep you. May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you His favour and give you peace."	



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INTRODUCE the Bible Story

1 INTRODUCE THE SESSION (3 minutes)

Show the countdown video as you transition to introduce the Bible story. Set it to end as the session begins.

SAY Hi! I'm [your name], and I'm so excited you are here! Who brought their Bible with them? [Distribute Bibles to kids who need one.] Let's turn to the Gospel of John chapter four together. [Guide kids to find John 4 in their Bibles.]

In the Bible, we read many stories that take place at wells. Wells provided people with access to water and were important places for people to stop on their travels. Today, we will learn about a Samaritan woman Jesus encountered at a well while traveling with His disciples.

2 BIG PICTURE QUESTION (1 minute)

SAY Our big picture question is, **How do we know God loves us?** Do you all remember the answer? [Allow responses.] **We can know that God loves us because He gave us Jesus to forgive the sins of the world.** God's love is for all people, regardless of where they are from, their past mistakes, or what they look like. God loves the people He created.

Today, we will see how Jesus showed God's love to a woman who was not liked by others. Jesus came to die for her sins and He came to die for our sins too. **We can know that God loves us because He gave us Jesus to forgive the sins of the world.**

3 REVIEW THE TIMELINE (1 minute)

Show the giant timeline. Point to individual Bible stories as you review.

SAY God promised that He would send the Messiah to bless all nations. Finally, His promise came true when Jesus was born. Jesus grew up and never sinned. He perfectly obeyed His Father at all times.

Jesus also showed God's love to people when He was on earth. He taught them truth and how to experience new life in Him. Last week, we learned that Jesus told Nicodemus how to be born again. Today, we will learn how Jesus met a woman at a well and offered her living water.



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LEARN the Bible Story

1 TELL THE BIBLE STORY: VIDEO OR STORYTELLER (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to John 4. Use the Bible storytelling tips to help you tell the story, or show the Bible story video “Jesus Told a Woman about Living Water.” Use the bold text to retell or review the story.

JESUS TOLD A WOMAN ABOUT LIVING WATER

“Jesus had been teaching in Judea. He **and His disciples** began traveling back to Galilee. They **traveled through Samaria and stopped in a town with a well**. Jesus' disciples went into town to buy food.

While Jesus was at the well, a Samaritan woman came to get water from the well. Jesus said to her, “Give Me a drink.”

The woman was surprised. “Why are You talking to me?” she asked. “You’re a Jew, and I’m a Samaritan.”

Jesus said, “I asked you for a drink. You don’t know who I am. If you did, you would have asked Me for a drink, and I would give you living water.”

The woman was confused. She said, “Sir, this well is deep, and You don’t have a bucket. Where do You get this ‘living water’?”

Jesus said, “Anyone who drinks this well water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water I give will never be thirsty again! In fact, the water I give will become a well inside you, and you will have eternal life.” **Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, but the woman did not understand.**

“Sir,” she said, “give me this water. If I’m not thirsty, I won’t have to keep coming to this well to get water.”

“Go get your husband,” Jesus said.

“I don’t have a husband,” the woman replied.

Jesus knew she was telling the truth. He said, “You don’t have a husband now, but you’ve had five husbands.”

Jesus was right. “I see You are a prophet,” the woman said. Maybe this prophet could explain something to her. She said, “The Samaritans worship here on a mountain, but the Jews say we need to worship at the temple in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said, “Soon you will not need to be in either of those places to worship God in spirit and in truth.”

The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.”

Then Jesus said, “I am the Messiah.”

The woman left and told the people in her town, “Come, see a man who told me

STORYTELLING TIPS

Use active listening: Lead kids to listen for the word “water.” Tell kids that when they hear “water” they should pretend like they are drinking from a cup.

Display a map: Display the New Testament Israel Map and point to the regions of Judea (J3), Galilee (C5), and Samaria (F4,5). Explain that most Jewish people avoided Samaria and took a longer route to Galilee. Tell kids that Jesus went through Samaria and came to tell the good news to everyone.



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everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?"

Many Samaritans believed in Jesus because of what the woman said. Jesus stayed in their town for two days. **Many more believed because of what Jesus said.** They told the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world."

Christ Connection: Jesus offers something better than physical water; He gives us Himself. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who comes to Him by faith. We can worship Him as Lord and Savior wherever we are. ☺

② REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

SAY ☺ Jews and Samaritans did not get along. So, the Samaritan woman was surprised when Jesus spoke to her and asked her for a drink. Jesus told the woman that if she had known who He was, then she would have asked Him for living water.

Did the woman understand what Jesus meant by living water? [Allow responses.] No, she didn't understand that Jesus wanted to give her new life in Him and that only He could quench her thirst. Water is important to live, but only Jesus can create new life in us so that we can live forever with Him. Jesus is better than water because He is what will make our hearts happiest!

Did Jesus know all the woman's mistakes and sins? [Allow responses.] Yes, Jesus is God and knows about how we have sinned. But Jesus doesn't turn her away. He came to die for the sins of the world.

The woman could tell Jesus was not just an ordinary man. She wanted to know more about where to worship God. Where can we worship God? [Allow responses.] Jesus helped the woman understand that when we believe in Him, His Spirit lives in us and we can rightly worship the Lord anywhere. The Holy Spirit points us to truth and guides us to keep Jesus' words. ☺

③ CHRIST CONNECTION

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(Tip: Use Scripture and the Gospel Plan Poster to explain how to become a Christian. Make sure kids know when and where they can ask questions.)

④ QUESTIONS FROM KIDS (3 minutes)

Show the "Unit 20, Session 2" questions from kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

1. What should we do when we worry how others will react to our sinful behavior?
2. How does God's Spirit help you to live differently?



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5 MISSIONS MOMENT (3 minutes)

Tell kids that pastors and their wives from Florida and Louisiana went to help missionaries in Southern Europe. Explain that while there, they met with a Brazilian pastor who leads a church in Spain.

SAY Another Hispanic missionary couple serving in Spain is Gabriel and Camila Santiago. They have built friendships with some Muslim people in Spain through teaching language classes and sponsoring a sports ministry. These ministries help the Santiagos tell the people about Jesus. Many of the Muslim people greet Gabriel as a friend. They trust him and know that he is an immigrant living in a different place just as they are. 

Play the missions video. Then close in prayer, asking God to show His people how they can be a part of His work around the world.

6 KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY (5 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud Romans 5:8 together.

SAY Jesus revealed to the Samaritan woman that He is the Messiah. Jesus told her she could worship Him no matter where she was as long as she worshiped Him in spirit and in truth. Our key passage helps us learn even more about having a relationship with Jesus. 

Tell the kids that having a beach ball brings excitement no matter where you are, like the beach, pool, or simply outside in the yard. Instruct kids to form a circle and give one kid the beach ball. Direct him to say one word of the verse. Then lead him to toss the beach ball to his neighbor. Continue all around the circle until the verse is complete. Challenge kids to go faster a second time.

Lead kids to sing "His Own Love for Us (Romans 5:8)." You may also choose to sing a worship song of your choice.

7 PRAY (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before transitioning to Love.

SAY Jesus, thank You for offering Your life so that we can have a relationship with You forever. You are the living water and You are what we need most. Amen. 

Transition from **LEARN** to **LOVE**

