

## WEEK 2 LESSON GUIDE

## CHANGING GEARS



### BIG IDEA

Our past doesn't change God's love for us.

### BIBLE

**Jesus and the Samaritan Woman:**

John 4:5-42

## WELCOME TIME

### MUSIC | Life-Changing Praise!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can lead kids in worship with any songs of your choice, but here are some suggestions that go along with this month's theme. Make sure you have purchased any licenses required to play or perform these songs. For more information, [read this!](#)
  - "Robot Rock" (KidSpring Children's Ministry)
  - "Open My Eyes" (KidSpring Children's Ministry)
  - "2 Corinthians 5:17" (The Corner Room)
  - "God Makes Messy Things Beautiful" (Slugs and Bugs)

### ACTIVITY | Robot Says

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Lead your kids in a game of "Robot Says." This is a fun twist on the classic game "Simon Says." Whatever "robot says," we do! When robot doesn't say, we don't do it!
  - ✳ **TODDLER HACK:** For toddlers, just do "robot says" without doing any without "robot says." Toddlers can follow along with the movements and have fun but will get confused easily if we make it too challenging!
- I'm going to give you some instructions and say "robot says." When I say "robot says," do exactly what I say! When I don't say "robot says," don't do it! It's just like the game "Simon Says!" Are you ready?
  - Robot says, jump up and down!
  - Robot says, give a friend a high-five!
  - Freeze! (Ahh, robot didn't say! Listen carefully!)
  - Robot says, do a crazy dance!
  - Jump up and down!

### ACTIVITY | Robot Match

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print robot images onto card stock, two copies per picture, or use a free printable like [this one](#). Paste or tape the images onto poster board for durability, and place those face down in the middle of your room. Have the kids take turns picking two cards, trying to get a match in this fun, jumbo-sized memory game.

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** For littles, you can play this game with the cards facing right side up. Remember, toddlers have a harder time remembering what they don't see, and that's okay!

- **Who here has ever played a matching game or a memory game?**
- Let's take turns picking two cards, turning them over, and seeing if they match! Watch closely, even when it's not your turn! Maybe you'll remember where there's a match!

## STORY TIME

### SCRIPTURE | John 4:5–42 (Jesus and the Samaritan Woman)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Read and tell the Bible story using the same robot motif as you did in Week 1. Make your voice sound monotone like a robot or like a smart assistant (like Siri, Alexa, or Google). You can also use story images [like these](#) or the ones provided in the Teaching Videos folder.
- Hello. I am a storytelling robot. Today, I am going to tell you another story about Jesus. Let's begin.
- One day, when passing through a town called Samaria, Jesus stopped at a well.
  - A well is a special place people would take their buckets to get all of their water for the day.
  - Jesus didn't have a bucket. He went to the well for another reason.
  - Jesus walked by this place on purpose because he wasn't afraid to talk to anybody . . . even people that others usually avoided!
- A woman walked up to the well with her bucket ready to go. Jesus asked, "Can I have some water?"
- The woman was so surprised. She didn't expect someone like Jesus to talk to someone like her.
  - That is another expression we robots do not know how to make. **Could you show me a surprised face?**
- But Jesus talked with her. She found out that Jesus understood everything.
  - Jesus knew about what choices she made.
  - Jesus knew about what kinds of people she hung out with.
  - Jesus knew about her mistakes.
  - But Jesus also could see she really loved God and wanted to know more about God.
- In fact, Jesus loved her so much that he offered her living water! No, it wasn't real water. Real water runs out. And once you're done drinking, you'll be thirsty again later.
- This is just a cool way to show her that if she believed in Jesus, she could one day live forever with God. Jesus didn't care about what her life was like before. He showed the woman that God still loves her very much.
- That is the end of today's story. Powering down. *[Make a whirring noise and lower your head.]*

### BIG IDEA | Our past doesn't change God's love for us.

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Using the [Jack-in-the-Box toy](#) (or the [one you made](#)) from Week 1, write the Big Idea on an index card and attach it to the puppet inside. Reintroduce your kids to the Big Idea "mystery box," and share that this week's Big Idea is inside of it. Play [this](#) song while each kid comes up and cranks the box once. At the end of the song or whenever the box is opened, pull out the card and read it aloud. Use the hand motions to help them learn it.
- Our big idea this week was left in our mystery box. **Have any of you seen our mystery box?**
- Our big idea this week is this . . .
  - **Our past** (Point behind you with your thumbs.)
  - **doesn't change** (Spin your hands together horizontally.)
  - **God's love for us** (Cross your arms over your chest.)

## VIDEO | Changing Gears, Episode 2

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's episode of [Cali's World](#).*

### ● ACTIVITY | TO THE WELL

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Fill a kiddie pool up with blue cellophane wrap. Pick up a bucket and pantomime going to the "well" with the kids. First, try walking to the well, carrying your bucket. Then, try placing the bucket in the well and letting it down. Pull the bucket back up and pretend it's really heavy. Walk back into town with your water bucket. Try it again two more times — once in slow motion and once in fast motion.*

✂ **TODDLER HACK:** *Set up [a pouring station](#) for toddlers. Ask, "What did Jesus ask for at the well?" Make sure you lay down towels and tarps as well as provide kids with coverings.*

- In today's story, a woman had to go to the well to get water. Instead, she met Jesus and found out that **our past doesn't change God's love for us.**
- Let's pretend to walk to the well together. Remember, a well is a special place to get drinking water. Everybody, grab your buckets! Let's go!
- The woman was probably so tired of going to the well every day, carrying a heavy bucket of water back and forth. That's why when Jesus said he could give her living water, water that never runs out, she got really excited.
- But it wasn't really water! **Do you remember what Jesus was talking about?**

## PRAYER

- Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving me no matter what. I know that your love never changes. You're the best friend ever! Amen.

## SHARING TIME

### SNACK | Jell-o Bucket

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Give the kids blue Jell-o cups. To make this snack even better (and even cuter!), try scooping the blue Jell-o into [these](#) buckets.*
- In today's story, a woman had to go all the way to a well to get a bucket of water! There was no such thing as refrigerators then!
- **What is your favorite thing to drink?**

### ACTIVITY | Circle Time

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Using the robot face made for Week 1, pass it around in a game of hot potato, playing the month's worship songs. When the song stops, whoever's holding the robot gets to answer the review question.*
- Let's pass around my robot friend as we think about today's true Bible story, and our Big Idea: **Our past doesn't change God's love for us.**
- When you hear music playing, pass around the robot. When the music stops, freeze! Whoever's holding our robot friend will get to answer a question! Ready? Let's go!
  - **Why did the woman go to the well?**
  - **What did Jesus ask the woman at the well?**
  - **Did Jesus know everything about the woman and her whole life?**
  - **How do you know Jesus loved the woman at the well?**
  - **Does Jesus love us even when we do what's wrong?**

### ACTIVITY | Tube Robot Craft

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give kids a metallic-painted toilet paper tube (or wrapped in foil). Provide construction paper pieces, pony beads, and googly eyes, and help kids glue these items onto the tube to make a [robot](#). Check out [this](#) for more detailed instructions.
- This tube used to be a part of toilet paper. Even though that's what it was in the past, that doesn't mean it has no use now. We just used these to make fantastic tube robots!
- We might have done lots of things that might have made God sad. Maybe we did it last year, last week, or even yesterday. But it doesn't matter. When we tell God we are sorry, God forgives us all the time.
- **Our past doesn't change God's love for us.**

### MEMORY VERSE | 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

- **"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"**
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** For this week, read the whole memory verse to the kids. Then, practice memorizing the second part. Have the kids repeat after you in their best robot voice and do the hand motions.
- Last week, we learned:
  - **"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ"** (Point up high.)
- This week, we will add:
  - **"the new creation has come"** (Wave your arms around you, motioning "new.")
- Now, let's do parts both together!

## PLAY TIME

### ACTIVITY | Coloring Page

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Print and distribute the coloring page along with crayons or markers. As the kids color, you can review today's Bible story, Big Idea, and memory verse.

### ACTIVITY | In Gear

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set out some [gear blocks](#) for the kids to play with and experience. This week, have kids try to build the tallest structure they can using the gears.

### ACTIVITY | Wind Up

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Set out as many [wind-up toys](#) as you can find! You can find wind up toys online, in toy stores, or just ask around to see if you can borrow any from volunteers or people from your church! These wind up toys are simple robots the kids can play with and experience right now!