

## Faith Family Worship Guide – Week 12

### MEMORIZE

John 4:13-14 – Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

John 4:23-26 – “But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

### READ

Read John 4:13-14, 23-26.

Jesus’ casual conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well is an incredible example of sowing gospel threads with someone who is steeped in a religious system. In an unassuming yet direct manner Jesus inserted references to the character of God, the sinfulness of man, the sufficiency of Christ, the necessity of faith, and the urgency of eternity into the dialogue. With each reference He raised the curiosity of the woman to new heights and nurtured in her heart a thirst for the salvation that only He had to offer. Her curiosity led her—not only to want to explore His words more—but also to proclaim His invitation to others. During the course of the conversation Jesus also modeled elements of conversational evangelism for us to use when witnessing to religious people.

#### Questions:

How do you see each of the gospel threads in Jesus’ conversation with the Samaritan woman?

How did the Samaritan woman respond?

How can we follow Jesus’ model of weaving gospel threads?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus modeled how to weave gospel threads into conversation.

### SING

In the story of the Samaritan woman we see Jesus modeling for us how to reach a culturally religious, yet sin-stained woman with the Gospel. This story gives us an example to follow as we reach others with the gospel, but it also serves as a reminder of the sweet grace that God lavished on *us* as He drew *us* to Himself and washed away our deepest stains of sin. Let’s reflect on the great love of Christ as we sing ‘How Marvelous’! This song likely portrays the very same thoughts the Samaritan woman had as Jesus pursued her and made himself known to her. “I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene, and wonder how He could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.” Let’s worship God together!

Visit our website for a link to this song: [www.brookhills.org/gathering/this\\_week.html](http://www.brookhills.org/gathering/this_week.html).

### SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God’s word and worship him together.

#### Preschool

- Before you begin open your Bible to John 4:23-26 and grab a package of your “new” favorite snack (one that your child will enjoy too).
- Say, “A few days ago I discovered a new snack and it is delicious. I couldn’t wait to share it with you.” Now, give your child a sample. “Don’t you agree; this new snack is delicious?”...Now ask your child, “Have you ever found something so good that you couldn’t wait to share it with a friend? That is how the good news of Jesus is spread. Friends sharing with friends! Friends telling friends! When we find a really good food/snack, we can’t wait to tell a friend about it.”

- Shouldn't we be even more excited to tell our friends about Jesus? Jesus wants us to tell other people about Him. Telling others about Jesus doesn't have to be difficult or complicated. We can say something as simple as, "let me tell you what Jesus did for me" or let me share the "Good News" with you. God wants us to follow Him and to love Him more than anything. He wants us to turn away from our sin and to trust Him. There are still many people who need to hear this good news of God's love for them too. How is the message going to be delivered? Jesus has called his disciples to deliver the good news. Who are those disciples? You and me!
- End your time with prayer. Ask God to help you as you share the "Good News" with your friends.

### Children

- Materials: ten 1" X 11" paper strips, several colors if possible.
- Write down what Jesus said in his conversation with the Samaritan woman on 10 strips:
  - God is spirit. God seeks people to worship Him in spirit and in truth.
  - You are a lawbreaker and have a deceitful heart. You need to be restored to God.
  - Jesus is greater than Jacob/man. Jesus is the one God sent who knows all things about God.
  - Following Jesus means accepting living water. Jesus offers restoration with God/lasting fulfillment.
  - Living water from Jesus turns into a spring in you. The spring leads to eternal life with God.
- Spread them out on a table face down.
- Have your child(ren) write the "Threads" questions on remaining five of the paper strips:
  - Who is God?
  - Who am I?
  - How is Jesus Unique?
  - What does it mean to follow Jesus?
  - Why is this important?
- Have your child(ren) try to match up each statement with the question it corresponds to.
- Weave answer strips over and under the question strips to make a small woven mat. Tape to hold in place if desired.
- Pray together that Jesus will help you all to use threads that lead to God and salvation in your conversations with others as he did.

### Students

- Intro
  - Have you guys ever thought about what it really looks like to weave something?
  - Weave: to compose a connected whole by combining various elements or details
  - Watch this video about weaving: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3dGI7gbGjBM>
    - Do you think she has been practicing for a long time?
    - Is weaving something that just happens? Or is it something that we have to think about and work at?
- Discussion
  - Read John 4:13-14, 23-26.
  - Walk through the *Read* section above.
    - What specific ways did Jesus "weave" the threads of the gospel?
    - Did He say them all at once as quickly as possible?
    - Many times when we think about sharing the gospel, we think that we have to say all of the threads, each part of the gospel, all at once.
    - Did Jesus do that?
    - Think back to the video, did the woman's masterpiece that she was making happen all at once?
    - Weaving gospel threads takes time.
    - We are not creating new conversations; we are finding ways within each conversation to share the gospel or at least part of it.
    - In each of our conversations, we can find ways to weave the threads of the gospel.
    - If we are weaving threads, we are working the gospel into what we are doing.
  - Practice this as a family using examples of the types of conversations you have at work, school, the grocery store, a baseball game, etc.
- Encourage one another as you weave gospel threads. Pray together for God to help you weave gospel threads into your daily conversations, and that He will use them to bring others to salvation.