



MAY 24, 2026

JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

JOHN 4

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus pointed out the Samaritan woman's sin so that she could believe He is the Messiah. The Holy Spirit shows us our sin so that we might turn away from it and turn to Jesus to be saved. Anyone who trusts in Jesus receives the Holy Spirit and eternal life.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned.

MEMORY VERSE

1 John 3:5

PREPARE



Take time to reflect on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well reveals the omniscience of Christ and His kindness toward sinners. Just as Jesus pointed out the woman's sin, so, too, does the Holy Spirit reveal our sin to us today. The same kindness Jesus showed to the Samaritan woman is extended to those who trust in Him today.

Jesus chose to travel through Samaria on His route to Galilee. Jesus knew His time to suffer and die for sinners had not yet come and sought to avoid unnecessary confrontation with the Jews. Though most Jews avoided this path through Samaria, Jesus knew there were people in this region who needed forgiveness from sin.

Clashing against social norms of the day, such as a Jew addressing a Samaritan, Jesus asked the woman for water. He explained that if she knew the gift of God and recognized who He was, she would ask for and receive His gift of living water. Jesus said the water from the physical well in front of them wouldn't be able to truly satisfy the thirsty, but those who drink His living water would never be thirsty again.

The woman wanted this living water. She wanted to never thirst again, and she desired to avoid constant trips to the well. Jesus' words had piqued her curiosity. But Jesus knew she had a greater need than she realized: forgiveness of sin.

Jesus knew the sins of the woman and, by declaring Himself the Messiah, invited her to embrace Him as Savior. The glory of Jesus impacted the woman and led her to proclaim His power to the townspeople that day and invite others to consider if He was indeed the promised Messiah.

Pray that the Lord will reveal His own power to the boys and girls who will hear this story. Thank Him for the kindness and mercy He shows while we are still sinners and for His willingness to bring us into His family by faith.

WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to large group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or do the memory verse activity below!

MEMORY VERSE

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

1 John 3:5, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's memory verse folder to review the verse with the kids.

Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on June 28!





JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

While Jesus was traveling through Samaria, He became very tired and sat down at a well. At noon, a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus asked her for a drink.

She replied, "How is it that you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" She asked this question because Jews and Samaritans normally didn't talk to each other.

Jesus answered, "If you knew who I was, you would be asking me for living water."

The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket, and this well is deep. Where would you get this living water from?"

"Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again," Jesus said. "But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I give him will become like a fountain inside of him for eternal life."

The woman said, "Please give me this water, sir, so that I won't have to come here and drink water anymore."

"Go call your husband," Jesus told her, "and come back here."

"I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

Jesus said, "You are correct—you don't have a husband. You've had five husbands, and the man you are with now is not your husband."

"I see that you are a prophet," the woman replied. 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 told her, "Believe me, a time is coming when you will worship God in Spirit and in truth."

The woman said to Him, "I know that the Messiah is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Jesus said, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

The woman left her water jar, went into town, and told everyone, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could he be the Messiah?"

LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're
learning in Large
Group.

JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

The people left the town and made their way to Jesus. Many believed that Jesus was the Messiah, and they asked Him to stay with them. They said, "We have heard for ourselves and know that Jesus really is the Savior of the world."

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus pointed out the Samaritan woman's sin so that she could believe He is the Messiah. The Holy Spirit shows us our sin so that we might turn away from it and turn to Jesus to be saved. Anyone who trusts in Jesus receives the Holy Spirit and eternal life.

ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after large group.

ACTIVITY: WATER BOTTLE LAVA LAMPS

Pass out the water bottles and other supplies. Have kids pour out some of the water in their bottle before adding things to it.

Help kids put sequins, oil, food coloring, etc. in their bottles. Once they're done, secure the cap by hot gluing it, so the bottle won't leak. ***Leaders should be the only ones using the hot glue gun!***

Once the hot glue is dry, kids can shake and play with the bottles they made.

CONNECT THE DOTS



Jesus told the Samaritan woman that He could provide living water. Water is not actually alive, but He meant He can provide for us and give us what our souls desire most. When we get thirsty, we drink water to satisfy that thirst, but eventually get thirsty again. Jesus provides even better "living" water that lasts forever; after we drink it, we will never be thirsty again!



BIBLE SKILLS: BIBLE WHO?

On the TV in your room, open the folder labeled "Bible Who?". Follow the instructions and play as a group or as teams. The goal will be to put together clues to figure out which person from the Bible the clues are describing.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.

1. What does this story tell us about Jesus?
2. What is living water?
3. How can you share Jesus with others?
4. Why is it important to realize the seriousness of sin?
5. Who in your life might need to hear about the living water that Jesus offers?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the “extra time” folder on the TV.

If there’s a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!