

# PRETEEN MINISTRY

4TH & 5TH GRADE



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## 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.

# LEADER DEVO

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.

# ARRIVAL

When kids arrive, they can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until large group starts. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and build relationships with them. Ask them about their week, big events coming up, or follow up on a prayer request from the week before.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY

### THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE

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

*1 John 3:5*



NEXT BIBLE BUCKS DAY

**JUN 28**

There are many techniques and tools to help kids (and you!) memorize Scripture.

### THIS MONTH'S TOOL: VERSE ABBREVIATIONS

On an index card, write out the first letter of each word in the verse you want to memorize. For example, 1 John 3:5 will look like:

Y K T H A I O T T A S A I H T I N S

# LESSON

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.”

# LESSON

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?”

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.”

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# SMALL GROUPS

## OUR GOAL

**To create opportunities that invite preteens to discover for themselves what it means to own and live out their faith.**

## DISCUSSION / APPLICATION

- 1) What does this story tell us about Jesus?
- 2) Why is it important for us to realize the seriousness of sin?
- 3) When Jesus talked about “living water” did He mean actual water or something else? What?
- 4) Is the living water of Jesus offered to us today? How can we receive it?
- 5) Who in your life might need to hear about the living water that Jesus offers?

# PICK UP

After small group, kids can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until they are picked up. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and follow up on any questions or discussions from small group time.

As parents arrive upstairs, direct them to the game room, large group room, or balcony to pick their kids up. Make sure to match their security code with their kid's name tag and remove the name tag before they leave!

# CLEAN UP

- Put away any supplies used during small group.
- Turn off TVs and lights in the small group rooms.
- Turn off both air hockey tables and put away extra pucks or paddles.
- Gather any balls or other items left out in the game room and put them away in the correct bins.
- Put away any games, books, or supplies in the balcony area.
- Check for any items left behind by kids and put them in the lost and found.

# THANK YOU FOR SERVING!