

# Life of Christ

## A woman meets Jesus by a well

John 4:1-42

**Younger Verse**

We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard. Acts 4:20

**Older Verse**

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**Lesson Goals**

Explain why we should tell others about Jesus  
Tell why the woman ran back to the village (to tell the people about Jesus)

**Welcome Time**

Bring a jug of water and small cups. As you sit in a circle, give each child a cup and pour each person a small amount of water in the cup. Discuss where they think water comes from. Explain that in Jesus' time, people got water in a different way. The people had to get water from a well. (You may want to explain further or do so during the story or activity time.)

**Bible Story**

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

As Jesus was going from place to place, He stopped at a town called Sychar (Sigh-car). This town was in an area that people of Jesus' race would never enter. In fact, the people that lived there were laughed at and ignored. They were called Samaritans.

Jesus did a very unusual thing. He went to the town. By this time it was the afternoon and Jesus was hot and thirsty. He stopped beside a well (explain to the kids what a well is) while His friends went into town to buy food. Just then, a woman came out with a jug to get some water. She was surprised to see someone at the well. Most people got their water when it was cooler outside.

Jesus spoke to her, asking for a drink. The woman was shocked. You see--in that time, men did not talk to women or boys to girls. Also, people of Jesus' race did not talk to the Samaritans.

The woman asked Jesus why He was speaking to her. Jesus replied by saying that He could give her living water so she never would be thirsty again. She was curious. She was tired of getting water from a well every day. She thought that if she could get this living water, she would never have to come to the well again.

Jesus, however, was talking about Heaven, not real water. Jesus asked her to get her husband. She told him only part of the truth. She said that she didn't have a husband. Jesus replied by telling her that she had had

5 husbands and she was living with another man.

The woman was surprised that He knew so much about her life. She knew He had to be someone special, but she had no idea that He was God's Son!

After talking to the woman some more, Jesus explained that He was God's Son.

The woman was full of joy! She ran to tell the news to the people of the town just as Jesus' friends were coming back from getting food. She told the people how Jesus knew everything about her and how He might be God's Son. Many people came to see Jesus and they believed in Him just like the woman did. They were very thankful to the woman for running and telling everyone the good news of Jesus. The woman was happy because Jesus had changed her life. She was excited and wanted to tell everyone she knew about Jesus.

You can tell people about Jesus too. He is the best news that you can share! Ask the kids how they can share Jesus with their friends.

#### Learning Activities

Choose activities that will help your kids learn—some may learn by doing, so make a well with playdough; some may learn by seeing, so let them read the story in the Bible and work on activity pages; some may learn by hearing, so ask them to tell you the story again by acting it out.

#### Memory Verse Activities

Have fun learning the verse. Write each word of the verse on a piece of paper. Tape it to stair steps. Ask the children to say each word as they climb the stairs or go down the stairs (be sensitive to neighbors, please).

#### Prayer Time

Take time to pray with your kids. Ask God to help us all tell someone about Jesus.

#### Snack Time/CleanUp

Share snacks together and make sure they each clean up their messes. Assign helpers to assist you. (Make marshmallow "wells" by using marshmallows as "stones" and frosting as the mortar to keep it together.)

Planning for August 11th  
The demonic man is changed  
How can I be a missionary where I live?  
Mark 5:1-20

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
The Woman at the Well

One day, Jesus and His friends were walking in the hot sun. Whew, it was hot (wipe your brow like it was hot!) Jesus and His friends were ready to sit down and eat something (Pat your tummy like you are hungry). Jesus' friends went to find something to eat while Jesus sat down by the water well.

Do you know what a well is? (make sure you are not saying "whale") A well is a hole in the ground that has clean, clear water in it. Back in Jesus' time, they did not have water inside homes. Everyone had to bring buckets to the well to get water for their homes.

While Jesus was sitting, a woman came with a jug to get some water. She was so surprised to see someone at the well. Most people got their water when it was cool outside, not when it was hot!

Jesus smiled and talked to the woman. She couldn't believe that a stranger was talking to her. He cared for her and loved her just the way she was.

Jesus asked her for a drink of water. The cool water tasted so good (make a sound of drinking or sipping water).

Jesus and the woman talked and talked. She was curious about Him. She knew that He was different, but she had no idea that Jesus was God's Son.

After talking awhile, Jesus told the woman that He was God's Son. The woman was so happy and excited (smile—make a big grin). She ran to tell everyone the news (make running steps). She told them that she was talking to God's Son—at the well.

The people of the town came to see Jesus. Many people believed in Jesus because of what the woman said. She had to tell them the best news of all—that Jesus was there.

Jesus loved the woman and cared for her. He wants us to love others and be nice to all people. Let's try to be like Jesus this week.

Sing, "Jesus loves me."

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Hands-On Activities  
For  
The Woman at the Well

Do the map activity to help the kids see where Jesus was and how He helped the woman.

Sing the song about the woman at the well in English or Spanish!

Make the craft of Jesus at the well.

Review the story using water pitchers with questions on them.

Make the 'Living Water' snack in zipper bags. See attached sheet.

Play the game of "Living Water." Fill a spray bottle with water and give the bottle to a child. The person who is "it" will tag someone and they will be frozen. To unfreeze them, the person with the spray bottle must spray their hand. Then, that person gets the bottle and must unfreeze someone—always transferring the bottle to the new person who is unfrozen.

Try the object lesson "Spreading the Word."