

Jesus Told a Woman About Living Water

The Gospel Project: Unit 20 Session 2

John 4

Midweek Lesson

Week of April 14th, 2024

Christ Connection: Jesus offers something better than physical water; He gives us Himself. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who comes to Him by faith. We can worship Him as Lord and Savior wherever we are.

Big Picture Question: How do we know God loves us? PS: We can know that God loves us because He sent His Son, Jesus. Elem: We can know that God loves us because He gave us Jesus to forgive the sins of the world.

Memory Verse: PS: We know that God loves us because He sent His Son, Jesus. Romans 5:8; Elem: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

Spiritual Discipline: Evangelism

Leader Bible Study: Last week we reflected on what evangelism looks like in our own life. You may have taken the opportunity to share your testimony with the kids. If not, go ahead and write out your testimony using some of the questions that were asked in last week's session. The act of writing out a testimony is a good foundation for evangelism. This week, we are teaching kids what it looks like to evangelize in their neighborhood and to their friends and family.

Sometimes the task of sharing the gospel with others feels almost too big of an ask. We think we are going to mess it up or not

convey it correctly. We worry we won't have all the answers to their questions or that we'll say something wrong. The trust of the matter is, if we understand the gospel well enough for it to have made a change in our life then we understand it well enough to communicate it to others.

Read Romans 10:17. Where does faith come from? It comes from someone hearing the message of the gospel. When evangelizing through words or actions, it doesn't have to be grand. Just trust that the Lord will use you and your words to speak into the hearts of others.

As you prepare to teach this week, think back to those who have evangelized to you. It might be a friend, a pastor, your parents or siblings, or maybe it was a stranger that you never saw again. How grateful are you that they shared the life-changing truth of the gospel with you? While it might feel scary to turn around and do the same, allow the gratitude you feel towards that person who shared with you to fuel your passion to share the truth of the gospel with others.

Welcome

Sing Worship Songs

Spiritual Discipline Bingo

Materials: paper, pencils, small objects (pennies or paper clips)

Prior to the session, write down different spiritual disciplines we have studied on small pieces of paper and put them in a basket (Bible study, worship, prayer, fasting celebration, fellowship, service generosity, rest evangelism). Distribute a sheet of paper to each kid and instruct them to draw a large 3-by-3 grid on their paper. In each box, they will write a different spiritual discipline that we have studied. Challenge them to think of them on their own, then offer assistance if needed. Allow kids to grab a handful of small objects

(pennies or paperclips) to use to mark the boxes each time a spiritual discipline on their sheet is called. Once bingo is called, kids can keep the same card or switch with someone around them and start a new round. To add another challenge, give a definition or description of the spiritual discipline instead of calling out the discipline itself.

Bible Drill

Materials: Bibles

Ask kids to use their Bibles and distribute Bibles to kids who do not have one. Be sure to point out the table of contents to kids and show them how to use it to find books in the Bible. Instruct kids to hold their Bibles in the air as you give them a passage in the Bible to find (this can be a random passage or a passage they have recently studied). Once you say the passage and then say “go”, the kids will bring their Bibles to their laps and try to be the first to find the passage you mentioned. Whoever finds the passage first can read the verses aloud or bring it up to you or another leader and have them read it. Choose another verse or invite the kid who won that round to choose a verse or passage to challenge the group to find next.

[Learn About Evangelism](#)

Review Spiritual Disciplines

Materials: none

Ask, ***“Who can name some spiritual disciplines that we’ve studied?”***

Say, ***“One thing that all of those disciplines have in common is that they help us grow closer to and more like God. That is what***

a spiritual discipline is, an action that we do repeatedly that draws us closer to God.”

Group Game: Treasure Hunt

Materials: items to hide, glow sticks

You can have this activity set up beforehand or let the kids participate in setting it up. For the first round of this game, hide some objects around the room (whatever is available to you, stuffed animals, coins, building blocks, etc.). Give the kids three minutes to find as many of the objects as they can. For the second round, hide activated glow sticks and dim the lights, these should be easy to find. Give them the same amount of time to find the glow sticks.

Say, ***“Which object was easier to find in the game? Was it the first round of objects or the glow sticks? You were able to find the glow sticks so quickly! You were able to find the sticks because their light really stood out in the darkness. When we are wise in the way we act around those who do not know Jesus, it will stand out. In fact, Matthew 5:16 even tells us ‘In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.’ As Christ followers, we are called to be a light in the world, showing those around us who God is. This is the heart of evangelism.”***

Review the Discipline of Evangelism

Materials: none

Ask, ***“Who can tell me what it means to evangelize?”***

Say, ***“Last week we talked about how the gospel relates to going out and telling others about what Jesus has done for us. We learned about testimonies and how we can share that with our***

friends. Today we will talk about what evangelism can look like in our neighborhood, schools, and city.

Evangelizing may look like us becoming preachers and standing on a stage teaching the gospel or becoming a missionary, learning a new language, and traveling to a far-off country. It might look like getting to know new people and handing out Bibles. Through building relationships with the people we encounter on a daily basis, we can share the gospel with those God has placed in our life.”

Read the Bible

Materials: Bibles

Read Colossians 4:2-6. Re-read the last two verses.

Say, **“Often when we think about evangelizing, we think it can only look like sitting down with someone and telling them the gospel story. However, the Bible tells us that there are many ways to show others who God is. One of the ways we can be a light to others is by simply acting Christlike, building relationships with people, and taking the opportunities to talk about Jesus when they come up.”**

Read 1 Peter 1 4:10-11.

Say, **“Peter says that we are all gifted with different abilities. If we love talking and directly sharing the Word of God, then we can! But if we love to be a light to others through our actions, we should use those actions to point back to God so that others can see what He has done in our lives.”**

Group Activity: What Would You Do?

Materials: none

Say, ***“I’m going to read some scenarios and we will all work together to figure out how we might be able to evangelize and tell others about Jesus in the situation.”***

- You have your Bible in your backpack at school. A friend spots it and asks what kind of book that is. What do you say?
- Kids in your class are arguing about who should clean up a mess someone made. No one owns up to it, so you decide to clean it up. Later your friend asks why you chose to clean up the mess, even when you didn’t make it. What do you say?
- You are at a friend’s house playing soccer in the backyard. When you kick the ball, it accidentally goes past your friend and knocks over and breaks some flowerpots in the yard. Your friend says to just hide the broken pots. What do you do?
- Your friend comes to school one day really upset. You talk with her about why she is feeling upset, and she says that she feels lonely and sad. What can you share with her that will give her hope?

Feel free to make up other scenarios as you are able. As the kids are answering, the hope is that they see that God gives us many opportunities to talk about the gospel.

Say, ***“Sometimes we might feel shy about telling others what we believe. God gives us opportunities to talk about what He has done for us. Keep an eye out for situations in your day-to-day life that you can use to evangelize to your friends and family.”***

Christ Connection

Materials: none

Say, ***“The way we live is the greatest evidence of the change that Jesus Christ has brought about in our lives. Knowing that our sins are completely forgiven and choosing to trust in Jesus should prompt us to tell others about all that He has done for us. Just as Jesus told the woman at the well how she could find living water in this week’s Bible story, we also get the chance to tell the people around us how they can live an eternal life with God.”***

Love God by Practicing Evangelism

Kindness Packs

Materials: index cards, gallon-sized plastic bags, small toiletry items and snacks

Explain that you are going to make kindness packs for kids to keep in their car or backpacks, so they are able to give them to anyone in need of a little kindness. Provide gallon-sized plastic bags and lead each kid to make as many packs as they are able with the supplies. For each pack, prompt kids to write their favorite verses on note cards and stick them in as well.

You Rock

Materials: rocks

Give each kid one or two smooth rocks. Provide markers and invite kids to decorate the rocks however they want. Challenge them to include an encouraging verse on the rock. When they go home, they can leave the rocks around their neighborhood or drop them off at someone’s house to encourage them with words from the Bible.

Weekly Challenge

Materials: none

Work with an adult to help you use a Bible concordance to find verses in the Bible that talk about evangelism. Memorize your favorite one.

Close in Prayer

Materials: none

Use the scripted prayer, pray in your own words, or ask a student to pray.

Say, ***“God, thank You for giving us different strengths and abilities. Thank You for making us all so different but also all created in Your image. I pray that we will use the gifts that You give us to show others the different You make in our lives through the good news of the gospel. I pray that we seek out relationships with others who need to know who You are and what You have done for us. Thank You for the opportunities You have already given us to share about You with those in our schools, neighborhoods, and cities. Please help us to be bold in sharing the gospel, even when people reject the good news. Amen.”***