

Jesus Knows and Loves You!

Bible Lesson: Jesus Shows Love to a Samaritan Woman – John 4:1-30, 39-42

Main Teaching: Jesus Knows and Loves You

Word Up: Jesus loves everyone!

Supplies:

- Word Up Booklet – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Paper and marker for each child – Small Group
- Recording for “Jesus Loves Me/Amazing Grace” and “Be Kind to One Another” - Worship (Sing About the King 3 CD)
- 9x13 pan, clear plastic cup, 2 drops red food coloring, 2T Baking Soda and at least 1 cup white vinegar – Object Lesson
- Flashcards for Bible Story “Jesus Shows Love to a Samaritan Woman” – Bible Lesson
- Three signs with a name of a nearby city on each one – Bible Lesson
- Give or Keep red and blue point cards – Review Game (Resource Pack)
- Quiet Time Week 3 handout for each child – Dismissal (Resource Pack)

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

- 15 min – Small Group
- 10 min – Worship
- 10 min – Object Lesson
- 15 min – Bible Lesson
- 15 min – Review Game
- 10 min – Small Group



SMALL GROUP

Say Memory Verse

Have kids say their memory verse from last week to their small group leader

Love Languages

Everyone has different ways that they feel loved and valued. Some feel loved when people spend quality time with them. Some like thoughtful gifts. Some people like it when other people say kind words to them. Other people feel loved when someone gives them a hug. What makes you feel loved?

WORSHIP

To learn songs and motions, go to cefonline.com/freedemos

“Jesus Loves Me/Amazing Grace”

“A God Merciful and Gracious



WORD UP!

“Jesus loves Everyone”

Last week we talked about how Jesus loves everyone! He loved people that were dishonest, like a tax collector named Zacchaeus, He loved a man who couldn't walk, He loved a whole bunch of people that had a disease called leprosy, and He even loved a man named Saul who hurt people that believed in Jesus. Anytime during club today that a teacher says “Word Up” we are going to stand up and say “Jesus loves everyone”!

OBJECT LESSON

Overflowing Love

Before club begins, put 2 drops of red food coloring in a clear plastic cup. Cover the drops with 2 T baking soda. Set the cup in a 9x13 pan so that it can catch the overflow of vinegar.

“We talked last week about how Jesus loves everyone. Jesus is our perfect example of how to live. He wants us to show His love to everyone. But sometimes that is really hard. I put some baking soda in this cup. The baking soda represents us. If you have believed in Jesus, you have experienced God's love. God doesn't care what you look like, how good you are at school or at sports, how much money you have or where you live. He doesn't even care about how many wrong things you have done. He loves you no matter what. He wants us to love other people just like He loves us. But sometimes we don't want to tell others about Jesus. We want to stay quiet. Since Jesus lives inside us, he can give us power! He can help us share His love with everyone. If we let Him help us, (pour vinegar into the cup), His love will spill out – it will overflow! Everyone will see how much God loves them because of the love we have for others.



BIBLE LESSON

(Choose three children and/or adult volunteers. Give each a sign with a name of a different nearby town on it. Have two children stand on either side of the room with the third child between them.) Each of these signs represents a town near us. (Call a fourth child to come to the front.) I would like you to stand by (name of first town). Now show us the fastest way to get from there to (name of third town). Now show us a way to get to (third town) while staying far away from (second town). (Encourage fourth child to walk around the room detouring around a few obstacles. Have helpers sit down.) Why would anyone want to go the long way instead of the short way? (Allow response.)

PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

Flashcard 3-1

The Bible tells us about a place the Jewish people (Israelites) would not go near. This place was called Samaria. The Jewish people often would not go through Samaria to get anywhere because they hated the Samaritans (the people who lived in Samaria) and would do anything to avoid them.

Jews would never talk to a Samaritan. There were many reasons why the Jews hated the Samaritans. The Samaritans didn't like the Jews either. One reason they didn't like each other is because they did not believe the same things about God. The Jews and Samaritans would fight over who believed the right things about God.

If a Jewish person passed a Samaritan on the road, he would even walk in the ditch so their shadows wouldn't touch. And even though going through Samaria was the fastest way to many places, the Jewish people would take a different road. Sometimes they would go all the way over by the Jordan River or all the way over by the Mediterranean Sea.

One day Jesus and His disciples needed to make a trip. The shortest route would take them right through Samaria. Which way do you think Jesus went? (Allow response.)

The Bible says, (read John 4:3-4). Jesus walked right through Samaria! Why would He do that? Because Jesus loves all people!

Word Up Visual

Word up! **"Jesus loves all people!"** He even loves those no one else does.



Did you know that if you have believed on Jesus, He wants you to love everyone? You are commanded to love each other, even the people you don't like, because they are created by God just like you are. Our memory verse says, (quote Ephesians 4:32 with children). You can be kind and forgiving because Jesus is kind and forgiving to you. Without saying a name out loud, think of someone who is hard for you to love. Maybe it's someone most other people don't like. Maybe it's someone who is mean to you. It can be very hard to love people who are mean or who others do not like, but because you have God the Holy Spirit living in you, He will help you love them. If you have believed on Jesus, **ask the Holy Spirit to help you love people who are hard to love.** He will give you love for them and the courage and ability to treat them right even when others don't. Sometimes showing love to a person who is hurting you means you need to tell someone you trust that you are being hurt. This shows love because it can help that person learn the right way to treat others and can stop that person from hurting more people. God will help you know who to tell. He can even help you forgive them. God can help you show love to everyone, even those who are hard to love.

Flashcard 3-2

Jesus loves everyone. He loved the Samaritans and so He chose to walk through Samaria. He and His disciples had been walking all day. Stand up and walk in place while I count to ten then pretend to be really tired. (Do with children.) It was a tiring journey. They came to a town with a well where the people got their water. His disciples went into town to buy some food and Jesus sat down to rest. Why would Jesus need to stop and rest if He is God? Jesus is fully God but because He was also fully man, He needed to rest and eat when He was on Earth. He got tired and hungry just like you do.

Flashcard 3-3

Shortly after Jesus sat down to rest, He saw a Samaritan woman carrying a large jar. She ignored Jesus and prepared to fill the jar with water. Jesus asked her, "Will you give Me a drink?" Jesus was talking to a Samaritan!

Why do you think He was talking to her? How do you think the woman felt about a Jewish man talking to her? (Allow responses.) The Jewish people hated her. Even her own people were not friends with her. She was coming to the well in the middle of the day when it was hot and the other women would not be there.

But Jesus was different. He is the perfect Son of God. He cared about this woman even though she was a Samaritan.



Jesus cares for every person. Jesus is God and He created and loves everyone. **He knows and loves you.** (Read 1 John 4:19.) Long before you even had heard about God, He knew you and loved you. He knows everything about you—where you live, what your favorite food is, and your favorite things to do. He even knows what you will be when you grow up! Jesus is God. He is good and holy. This means everything He does is right and perfect. He cares for you and He cares for those who other people do not love.

Jesus cared about this woman even though she was a Samaritan and others did not like her. Jesus asked her for a drink. She was surprised He would speak to her. She knew how the Jewish people felt about Samaritans.

Flashcard 3-4

After Jesus had asked for a drink, He talked with her. He even told her He was the one God sent to save the people from their sins! But she didn't understand what He was saying. Jesus did not give up on her. Instead, He told her, "Go call your husband and come back."

The woman answered, "I have no husband." Her answer didn't surprise Jesus. He knew all about the woman's life because He is God.

"That's true," Jesus said. "You have had five husbands and the man you're living with now is not your husband." When Jesus told the woman about herself, He showed that He is God. There is a big word we can use about God. That word is omniscient. This word means "all knowing." Jesus knew everything about her, even the bad things, and He still loved her.



God knows everything about you too. He knows when you are happy and when you are sad. He knows when you obey your parents, are kind to others, and tell the truth. God also knows when you sin, even when no one else knows. To sin is to do, say, or think things that are against what God says is right. He knows when you lie and hurt others. When you do not love people, that is sin. You and I were born with sin. (Read Romans 3:10.) Righteous means "does right all the time." No one does right all the time except God. Even though He loves you and me, the Bible says God hates sin. God takes sin very seriously because He is holy. The punishment for sin is separation from God now and forever, which is the worst thing ever. He knows all about you and your sin but He loves you anyway. Jesus knows everything about you.

Jesus knew everything about the Samaritan woman. Wouldn't you be surprised if someone you didn't know began telling you all about yourself? This woman was surprised too! She thought Jesus must be a prophet—one who spoke for God—since He knew all about her.

She said to Him, "I know the Messiah is coming. When He comes, He will tell us all things." The Messiah was the promised Savior. Jesus is the Messiah. He came to save the world from the punishment of sin.

Jesus said to her, (read John 4:26). Jesus told the woman He is the Messiah. He is the one who came into the world to save everyone who would believe on Him from the punishment sin brings.



God sent Jesus, His only Son, to save you! **Jesus knows and loves you. Word Up - "Jesus loves everyone !"** (Say with children.) Jesus lived perfectly. He never sinned. He did not deserve to die but He willingly took your punishment because of His love for you. (Read Revelation 1:5b.) On the cross when the nails were put into His hands and feet, Jesus' blood flowed out and He died. Jesus bled and died so you could be forgiven for all the wrong things you have done and be close to God. He did not stay dead though! He came alive again so all who believe on Him will be saved from the punishment of sin. He is alive in Heaven today ruling over all things. He is the Messiah!

Flashcard 3-5

Jesus told the woman He is the Messiah, the one who would save the world from the punishment sin brings. Jesus' words must have shocked the woman. She wondered, "Could this man really be the Messiah?"

CLIMAX

She ran back to the city and told everyone she met, "Come see a man who told me everything I've done! Could He be the Messiah?"

CONCLUSION

Flashcard 3-6

The people hurried to see Jesus. They were surprised at the woman's words and wanted to see if Jesus truly was the promised Savior they had been waiting for. Many of the Samaritans believed on Jesus because of what the woman had said and because they heard Him for themselves. They believed on Jesus as their Savior.

INVITATION



Have you believed on Jesus as your Savior? He loves you and cares for you no matter what sinful things you have done. Jesus knows all about you and loves you so much that He died for you. The Bible says, (read Acts 16:31). To believe means to trust that Jesus died on the cross and came alive again so you could be saved from the punishment of sin and have a friendship with God that lasts forever. When you are saved, God the Holy Spirit helps you live for God as He created you to do. Will you agree with God about your sin and believe on Him? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you are ready to believe on Jesus as your Savior today, will you show me by looking up at me? (Acknowledge responses.) Everyone can open their eyes now. If you looked up at me and want to talk to me about believing on Jesus, please meet me (designate time and location) and I can show you more about what that means from the Bible.



REVIEW GAME

Give or Keep

Prepare eight blue squares and eight red squares. Mark point values on the back of each square and place them in a bag or box. (These are in the Resource Pack ready to be cut out.) Divide children into a red team and a blue team and ask questions, alternating between teams. When a child answers correctly, give his team 100 points and let him draw a card from the bag. If a red square is drawn, the points on the card go to the red team. If the square is blue, the points go to the blue team.

1. What did Jesus show by walking through Samaria? (*His love; His love for all people.*)
2. Why wouldn't most Jews go to Samaria? (*They hated Samaritans.*)
3. Even though God loves you, how does God feel about your sin? (*He hates sin.*)
4. According to our memory verse, why should we be kind and forgiving? (*Jesus is kind and forgiving.*)
5. If Jesus is your Savior, what is something He wants you to do for everyone, even people you don't like? (*Love them; treat them right; forgive them; answers may vary.*)
6. How can you love someone who is mean to you or who others don't like? (*Ask God for help to love that person; answers may vary.*)
7. What did Jesus ask the woman to give Him? (*A drink of water.*)
8. Was Jesus surprised when the woman said she didn't have a husband? Why or why not? (*No; He knew all about her life because He is God and knows everything.*)
9. Who did Jesus tell the woman He is? (*The Messiah; the promised Savior.*)

10. What do you need to believe about Jesus to be saved? *(He is the only one who can save me from my sins; He died and rose again for me.)*
11. After talking with Jesus, what did the woman say to the people in the city? *(Come see a man who told me everything I've done. Could He be the Messiah?)*
12. Why did the people hurry to see Jesus? *(They were surprised at the woman's words; they wanted to see if Jesus truly was the promised Savior.)*



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Show Love

Brainstorm with the kids ways they can show love to others this week. Have them keep a list of at least 3 things they did to share with the small group next week.

DISMISSAL

Hand out a Quiet Time Sheet – Jesus Loves Everyone! (Week 3 in the Resource Pack) to each child.