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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to talk about a conversation Jesus had with a woman. Jesus had been traveling around teaching the people that he came to save the world from sin. One day, he was tired and thirsty and stopped by a well to get some water. A well was like a big drinking fountain. While he was there, he saw a woman all alone. In that day, women didn't go places alone. They would always be with friends. Jesus already knew her story, though. She had made some bad mistakes in her life and people didn't like her for those things. But, Jesus had a plan for her. First, he just talked to her to show her that she had value. Second, he explained who he was and what he came to do. Jesus came to forgive the sins of everyone, including hers. In fact, he compared his love and forgiveness to a refreshing glass of water that when you drink it, you'll never be thirsty again. He called it living water. That woman's life changed that day. She went from being lonely and ashamed for all of her mistakes to having a hopeful future because of Jesus' forgiveness. This is true for us, too. Jesus wants a relationship with us and he'll forgive our mistakes, too.

Big Idea

Jesus wants a relationship with everyone, no matter what.

Key Question

How do we have a relationship with Jesus?

Memory Verse

Romans 3:22 "We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Have you ever made a big mistake that got you in trouble? Explain** (Tip: We all make mistakes from time to time that get us into trouble but Jesus came to forgive us when we mess up.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **By placing our trust in him and what he did for us.** (The Bible says that we all have a sin problem that broke our relationship with God. Jesus came to fix the problem by dying to pay for our mistakes. All we have to do is put our trust in Jesus and invite him to live in our hearts.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What's the problem that breaks our relationship with God? What did Jesus do for us?
4-5th What do you think it looks like to trust Jesus with your whole heart?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read 1 John 1:9. What does it mean to confess? What does Jesus do with our mistakes?** (Answer: Confess just means that we tell Jesus that we're sorry for our mistakes. When we do that, Jesus will forgive us and he won't hold those mistakes over our heads. And, he'll help us to live to honor him.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**

(5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to PursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: LIVING WATER BUCKET CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a small dixie cup, pipe cleaner and a Bucket template (page 5) and a strip of blue construction paper.
- First have the kids wrap the blue construction paper around the cup and have them tape it to the cup to hold it in place. Then, have them cut out and glue the statement and verse on to the construction paper.
- Then, have them glue or tape the pipe cleaner ends to the inside of the cup to make a handle.
- As they work, read the story from John 4:1-14. Remind the kids that Jesus is the living water we all need. He wants a relationship with us and he will forgive us when we make mistakes.

Supplies needed: Dixie cups (1 per kid), Pipe cleaners (cut in 1/3 pieces, 1 per kid), Blue construction paper (cut into strips to fit around the cup, 1 per kid), Bucket template (pg. 5, 1 set per kid), Tape, Glue, Scissors

OPTION 2: MEMORY VERSE GAME

Instructions:

- Before class, cut up the Memory verse words (page 6-7) and place in a bowl or basket.
- Have kids take turns coming up and pulling a word from the bowl. Each time, tape the word up on the whiteboard. Continue until all the words are on the board.
- As a class, work to get the words in the correct order to say the memory verse. Then, say it as a class.
- If you have time, read the story from John 4:1-14. Remind the kids that Jesus is the living water we all need. He wants a relationship with us and he will forgive us when we make mistakes.

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LIFE OF JESUS

The Woman at the Well

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When Jesus stopped to get a drink of water, he met someone who was trying to run from her problems. And then he gave her the solution.

Key Points:

- _____ was tired and sat down at a well around lunchtime.
- A _____ woman came to the well and Jesus talked to her.
- Jesus knew that she had done a lot of _____.
- Jesus wants a relationship with _____, no matter what!

Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

- 1. What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?**
- 2. Have you ever made a big mistake that got you in trouble? Explain.**
- 3. Why was Jesus tired and thirsty? Who did he talk to at the well?**
- 4. Why didn't the woman have any friends? What did Jesus tell the woman?**
- 5. Read 1 John 1:9. What does it mean to confess? What does Jesus do with our mistakes?**
- 6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?**

Instructions: Color the picture.

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