Lesson 121: Jesus Talks with the Samaritan Woman

<u>John 4:5-42</u>

Youtube Link for Teachers: <u>https://youtu.be/ne4zvlZnCyM</u>

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/_zw_jxZN46A

Worship Theme: Jesus, the living water, satisfies us.

Memory Verse: "But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." (John 4:14a)

Songs (Youtube links):

- 1. He's Alive https://youtu.be/NGQXTg3Uogg
- 2. There's a River of Life https://youtu.be/AP6fwLxUqK0
- 3. I Know That https://youtu.be/ywt-KvGIQcE

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: "Fill Up the Cup"

Materials Needed: 4 cups, 2 straws, table

- 1. Divide the children into 2 groups and have them stand in a line.
- 2. Put 2 cups full of water and 2 empty cups next to it as well as 2 straws.
- 3. When the teacher says 1, 2, 3, the first child in each group will run to the table and use the straw to transfer the water to the empty cup. They need to only use their hands. They can do this by putting



to only use their hands. They can do this by putting the straw into the cup with water, plugging it with their finger, and then transfer the water to the empty cup.

- 4. Let the children play until everyone has a turn.
- 5. The team with more water wins the game.
- 6. After the game, explain to the children that Jesus is the living water who always satisfies us.

Introduction:

How would you like to have food but no water? Did you know that people will die if they don't drink water? Water satisfies us when we're thirsty. All living things need water to stay alive. Today we're going to learn that Jesus is the living water.

Bible Story:

Our Bible story today is about a Samaritan woman who believed in God but didn't know Jesus. One day, Jesus was tired and thirsty as he was traveling through Samaria. He was sitting by a well while the disciples went to get food. A woman came to draw some water from the well, and Jesus asked her for a drink. So she gave him some.

Then Jesus told her that he wanted to give her living water. He was talking about himself. He meant that he wanted to fill her up with good things, such as Jesus' love, peace, and forgiveness. Jesus knew that only he could satisfy her. He wanted to give her eternal life and true happiness that can only be found by believing in Jesus.

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:13-14).

Jesus told the Samaritan woman about personal things about herself, things that he couldn't know unless he was God. He knew she was lonely and searching for love in all the wrong places. Jesus wanted to give her what she couldn't get for herself.

Jesus wants to satisfy us. What do you need today? Are you lonely? Mad at someone? Do you need help forgiving someone? Maybe you need to forgive yourself. Do you need

help obeying your parents or being kind or patient? What are you lacking today? Jesus gives us good things. Jesus satisfies us with his love and with the life that he gives us. Jesus is living water and he satisfies us.

Questions to discuss:

- 1. Where was Jesus in this story? (Samaria)
- 2. Who was he talking to? (A Samaritan woman)
- 3. What did he ask her to give him? (Some water)
- 4. What did he say he could give her? (Living water)
- 5. What is the living water? (Jesus who can satisfy all our needs)

Game - Salt or Sugar

Materials Needed: cups, water, salt, sugar



1. Divide the children into 2 groups.

2. Pour water into two cups. In one cup, add salt. In the other cup, add sugar.

3. Ask 1 child from each group to come, and the teacher will tell the child to pick the cup with either sugar water or salt water. If the child makes the correct choice, then their team gets 1 point.

4. Mix the cups for the next group of children.
5. Play the game until

everyone has a chance.

 Explain to the children that Jesus is the living water and he always gives us good things to satisfy us.



Memory Verse:

"But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." (John 4:14a)

Craft: "The Living Water"

Materials Needed: Print the craft sheet, scissors, glue, crayons

- 1. Color the well from the printed craft sheet
- 2. Cut out the well and the roof that has the memory verse
- 3. Fold the well and glue the tabs so that it can stand on its own.
- 4. Glue the roof on top.
- 5. Remind the children that Jesus is the living water as they read the memory verse together.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)

Your connection with Jesus is your living water. As you grow in your friendship with Jesus through prayer and time in the Bible, you'll discover refreshment—even during difficult times. The Samaritan woman made a point to tell everyone she knew about Jesus. She found "living water," and she wanted all her loved ones to "taste" what a friendship with Jesus was like. With whom are you sharing living water? Ask God to give you the names of two people with whom you can share Jesus.

