

“The Woman at the Well Meets JESUS”

BIG IDEA: I AM KNOWN BY JESUS

AIM: ‘The Woman At the Well Meets Jesus’ Children’s Lesson is intended to help children understand and think over the fact that Jesus knows all about them – the good things and the bad – and he loves them!

BIG VERSE: God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him will not die but have everlasting life. John 3:16. SET the Scene: Read John 4:1-42. You may also want to explain to the children about the relationship between the Samaritans and the Jews; how the Jews avoided the Samaritans and did not associate with them.

To understand some of the reasons why there was hatred between the Jews and the Samaritans you may want to read this article. <https://www.gotquestions.org/Samaritans.html>

You may communicate the story through the Gospelology videos Provided

JESUS MEETS WOMAN AT WELL PT. 1 <https://youtu.be/nUuZ2uscSvg>

JESUS MEETS WOMAN AT WELL Pt. 2 <https://youtu.be/T8xZAUKbS4A>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why was the woman so surprised that Jesus was speaking to her?
2. Are there people in your school that get left out? How might you help them?
3. Jesus spoke to the woman at the well when others would not have done. How would you have felt if you were the Samaritan woman?

4. How do you think Jesus knew everything about the woman at the well?
5. The fact that Jesus knew the woman when she had not told him anything about herself changed the Samaritan woman's life. She told everyone what he had done. She said, "Come and meet a man that knows everything I ever did." What one thing do you want to tell everyone about Jesus?

SPOT the Simple Meaning:

1) JESUS KNOWS ME

Create a 'Who Do You Know?' PowerPoint quiz.

Have pictures of people that you and the children know well such as members of the church or local community people. Also mix in some pictures of famous celebrities or cartoon characters that they might recognize. You could play it as an upfront game with a few players or as an audience game where you ask any of the children for the answer. Say: Jesus knew the Samaritan woman. He knew everything she ever did. You might have recognized some or all of the people in that game... but I'm sure you don't know everything about them. You might not know what they did yesterday, a week, month or year ago. Yet Jesus seemed to know all about this woman that he had never met. And Jesus knows you too! How? Jesus is the Son of God – he is God – so he knows everything! He knows everything about you! He knows you because he created you. The bible says that at the beginning of time Jesus was there – because he is God! John 1:1 says "In the beginning was the Word..." 'The Word' is another name for Jesus! You see Jesus is God; he is one person in the Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So the God of the Universe knows you. Just as Jesus knew the woman at the well, he knows you. In fact, John 10:3 says that he not only knows you, but he knows you by name! He knows how many hairs are on your head (Luke 12:7), he knows everything about you!

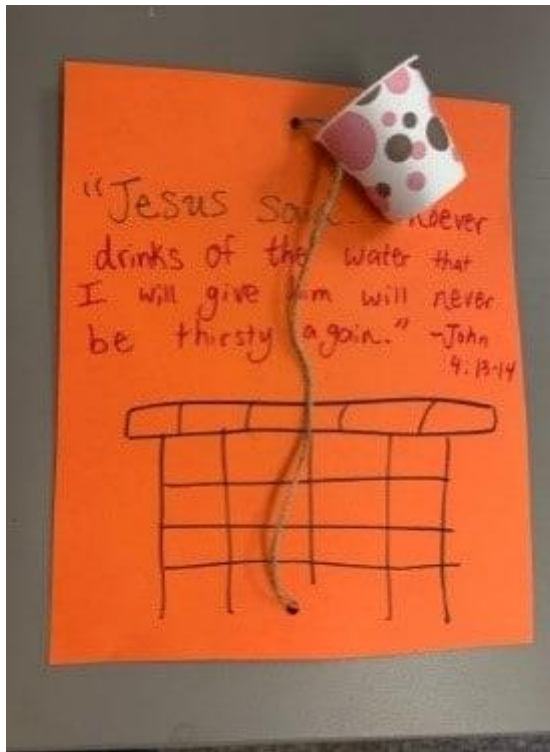


How You Feel:

How does it feel to know that Jesus sees and knows all that you do and that he cares?

As the children think about this they can do one or more of the activities below:

1. Craft one: "Well of Life"



You will need:

- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Paper cups
- Markers or decorating materials
- String or yarn
- Hole punch

Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper to look like a “well” of some sort. Embellish with sky or other elements as desired.
2. Punch a hole in the top and bottom of the paper, about two inches from each border (or as much as your hole punch allows).
3. Punch a hole in the side of a small paper cup, which will serve as a “bucket.”
4. Cut a piece of string long enough to go up and down the length of paper. Insert the string into one side of the paper, then through the cup, and then through the other side of the paper. Tie the string at the back and trim any extra ends.
5. Add a verse caption, and any extra “water drops” or stickers that you like. Have fun tugging the string to raise and lower the “bucket”!

Craft Two: "Living Water Lava Lamp"



You will need:

- Plastic water bottle
- Cooking Oil
- Stickers (optional)
- Glitter or food coloring (optional)
- Alka-seltzer tablet (optional)

Procedure:

1. Fill the water bottle about a third of the way with water
2. Carefully pour oil into the remainder of the bottle, until almost full.
3. If desired, add a few drops of food coloring and/or glitter for extra decoration.
4. For extra "living water" fun, add an Alka-Seltzer tablet, broken into pieces.
5. Tightly screw the cap onto the bottle (hot glue may be helpful). Decorate the outside with stickers, if you like, and a verse caption. Shake around (carefully) to watch the "living water" move and separate!

3. Color in the Woman at the Well printable.

4. Create the water spring Craft. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1leDuvmZLg>

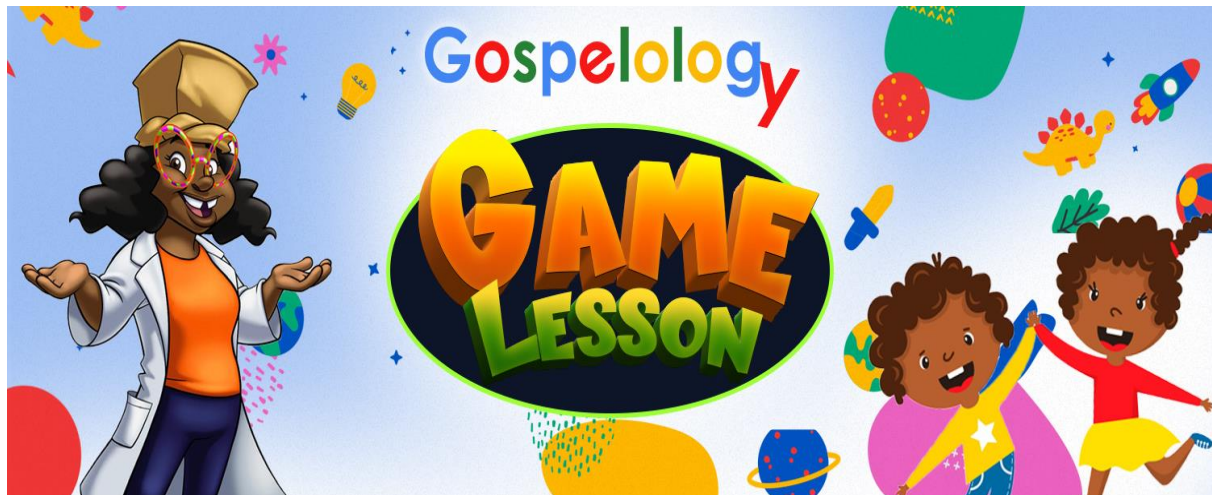
4. 'Jesus knows Me' Door Hanger. Create a door hanger with the phrase 'Jesus knows Me' and encourage the children to decorate it with stickers and markers.

5. Name necklace. Using letter beads and elastic encourage the children to make a name bracelet or necklace.

6. Children can paint or draw a picture of themselves with the words 'Jesus Knows Me' above it
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7. Handprint/Fingerprint/Footprint pictures. [This could also be used as an alternative response time where children contemplate that God knows them intimately as they make a print on large paper with the rest of the children.]

8. Create an Identity Card or 'About Me' booklet that children can fill in about themselves.



I WORSHIP THE ONE WHO KNOWS ME

‘What’s It Worth?’ .

Have photos or images of items [or bring real items] and ask the children

“How much is it worth?”

“How much would you pay for this item?”

Get the children to compete and see who can guess the correct price.

Say: Jesus begins to talk to the woman about what it means to really worship. It isn’t about a place or where you worship. It is about your heart.

What does worship mean? [Get feedback].

To worship something is to give it worth. It is saying that it is important – even the most important thing to you. We just played the game where we thought about how much things were worth. Did you know that Jesus thinks you are worth so much! In fact, he died for you because he knew that you were worth saving!

What is Jesus worth to you?

What would you want to do for him to show him how much he means to you?

The people had come out to see Jesus and they said “First we believed in Jesus because of what you told us. But now we believe because we heard him ourselves. We know that this man really is the Savior of the world.” They realized that Jesus is who he said he is – he is the Messiah!

Jesus had explained that to worship we need to worship in spirit and in truth (John 4:23).

We can show our worship by lifting our hands to reach towards him, by bowing down before him, by singing about how good he is, by shouting his name and about how great he is!

There are so many ways that we can worship Jesus today – we can do anything for him – by giving it all that we have got with our whole heart. Jesus said that the true worshippers are the ones who worship in spirit and in truth.

It is all about our heart and our spirit connecting with Jesus. We worship him for who he is and for all he has done for us. We worship the One who knows all about us! We worship the One who knows everything about everyone in the world – the One who created it all!