



For Toddlers

Summer Theme: CPR – God cares, God protects, and God rescues.

ECE: I am a sinner who needs Jesus.

Memory Verse: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” – John 7:37.

Bible Story Focus: John Baptizes Jesus (**Matthew 3:13-17**)

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, kids will learn about Jesus’s baptism by John the Baptist. Children will hear that Jesus is the Son of God, and one way God showed love and care for his people is by sending his Son, Jesus, to rescue them from their sin. Children will continue to learn that Jesus is the only one that can quench our thirsty hearts.

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For Preschoolers

Big Idea: CPR – God cares, God protects, and God rescues.

Memory Verse: “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.” – John 7:37.

Bible Story Focus: Jesus is Living Water (John 4).

ECE: I am a sinner who needs Jesus

Lesson Overview:

In this lesson, children will learn that Jesus calls himself the Living Water. Kids will know that just as our bodies thirst for water, our hearts thirst for God and only Jesus can quench that thirst. Kids will learn that Jesus provides us with all we need. We don’t have to be thirsty anymore when we follow him.

Pre-Video Discussion:

Is there someone in your life that makes you really mad sometimes? Is it hard for you to care for them when you are angry at them?

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I Wonder Questions (Post-Video):

I wonder...

Why was it so surprising that Jesus talked to the Samaritan woman?

*Because Jesus was a Jew and Jews and Samaritans were not friends.

What did Jesus tell the woman that he is like?

*He is like Living Water.

Who does Jesus care about?

*Jesus cares about all people.

Early Childhood Family Activity Idea: water bottle hunt

Hide a water bottle in your home and have your preschooler or toddler find it. When they do, ask them who is the living water. Then, let them hide the bottle for you to find!

For Elementary

Topic:

Jesus is Living Water

Lesson Overview:

In today's bible story, kids will hear the story found in John 4 of Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman. As kids think about what things they try to use to quench their thirst, they'll learn that Jesus the Messiah is the Living Water who can quench their thirst forever.

Key Scripture:

John 4

Elementary Essential:

God is good: He cares for his people.

Memory Verse:

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." – John 7:37.

Intro Video Link: <https://vimeo.com/431515171>

Bible Story Video Link: [Jesus Met a Samaritan Woman](#)

Follow-Up Activity: Bottle Flip Challenge

1. Take turns flipping a partly filled water bottle to see who can get it to stand up without falling over.
2. Every time you flip, list one thing you think will quench your thirst (ex: being the best athlete)
3. Play as time allows, or until someone is able to get the water bottle to stand up!

Post-Video Discussion Questions: First, read Matthew 4:3-26

- **Why was it so surprising that Jesus talked to the Samaritan woman?** (*Because Jesus was a Jew, Jews and Samaritans were not friends.*)
- **What did Jesus tell the woman that he is like?** (*Living Water*)
- **Who does Jesus care about?** (*All people*)
- **What are some things we drink from instead of running to Jesus, the Living Water who can quench our thirst forever?** (*ex. When we're worried, we try to fix our problems on our own, we think being the best athlete will make us feel like we're the best we can be, we think we won't be thirsty anymore if we learn to be the best reader or math whiz.*)
- **How can we drink from the Living Water who can quench our thirst forever?** (*Pray that the Holy Spirit will help us to trust in God when things are hard, trust that Jesus is better than any award or good grade, ask God to help us when want to be the greatest or get attention.*)

Extended Study for 4th and 5th graders:

Answer the questions found in the post-video discussion guide. Afterward, read John 4 and take time to journal:

Do you truly believe Jesus's words here, that you will never be thirsty again if you drink from him? Think back to times in your life when you chose to rely on a drink other than the water of Christ. How would that situation look different if you had thirsted for Jesus instead? What can you do in the future to remind you of who holds the Living Water?