Date | November 1, 2020 Family Theme | Jesus Meets Our Deepest Needs Study Text | John 4:1-42

Objective: Help your kids know that they must look to Jesus to meet their deepest needs and tell others He saves.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson from the life of Christ shows how the promised Messiah cared for and sought to save all people no matter their ethnicity or social status.

<u>Bible Basics:</u> Memorize the names and order of the first four books of the New Testament this week and work with family members to do so as well.

Read the Word: John 4:1-42

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about the difference between needs and desires, and how Jesus is the only one who can meet our deepest spiritual needs.



Key Truth: All People Matter to Jesus (John 4:1-9)

Show your kids how Jesus stepped outside of all societal expectations: He asked the woman for a drink. This was extremely surprising because Jews had as little to do with Samaritans as possible, especially with something as personal as drinking from a Samaritan's cup. Jesus knew the woman's need and the need of the entire village. He stepped out of His cultural comfort zone to bring God's message to people who, at least at first, would barely listen to Him.



Key Truth: Our Deepest Needs are Spiritual (John 4:10-26)

Show your kids how these verses reveal a woman whose interests were for this life only. Jesus worked patiently with her to move her attention from physical water to living water, from religious smokescreen disputes to understanding He is the Savior.



Key Truth: Share Jesus With Others (John 4:27-42)

Point out that Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well shows us that God offers salvation and forgiveness to anyone who believes and trusts in Him, no matter their background. The woman went back to town, urging everyone to come hear this man who knew all about her past (verses 28-29).

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What are some of our deepest needs as human beings?
- Why are spiritual needs even more important than physical needs?
- What does the account of the Samaritan woman teach us about God's willingness to meet all people's needs, no matter their ethnic, financial, or social status?
- What did the Samaritan woman have to admit about her life before she was ready to receive the eternal life Jesus offered?
- · What happened as a result of the Samaritan woman sharing her experience with Jesus with others?
- For Elementary: Why was the Samaritan woman surprised Jesus spoke to her?
- For Elementary: What can we learn about who we are to share the good news with?

Show your kids that Jesus said true worshipers worship the Father in spirit and in truth (verse 23). Worshiping in spirit seems to involve worshiping with sincerity and with our whole being instead of going through the outward motions of worship. Worshiping in truth involves worshiping according to correct doctrine, the revealed truth of God in His Word.

Everyday Extras

FaceTime with grandparents or other loved ones to tell them some good news (good grade at school, big win for a sports team, or even a new restaurant everyone agrees on). Talk together about how you enjoy sharing good news. The woman at the well shared the good news about the Living Water with all of the people in her town. Can your family share good news about Jesus too? Maybe you can make some invitation cards to pass out in your neighborhood to ask others to come to church with you or tune in to a podcast. Your teens can share the article in Velocity and Forward devotional magazines with you about the Woman at the Well. Talk about it together.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE & ROUND

Today your child learned about one of Jesus' miracles. A miracle is something only Jesus can do. Many people had been listening to Jesus and they began to get hungry. Jesus fed over 5000 people with just two fish and five loaves of bread. He took care of the needs of the people and He takes care of us. **Jesus Is Amazing**.