



Ages 4-5-K

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Series: Jesus Is Our Friend
Winter Year 1, Lesson 35

Jesus Meets Woman at the Well

Take Home Point:

***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND....Jesus says,
“love everyone”.**

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (*CAPS*). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: John 4:4-29

We will help children know:

- The story of the woman at the well.
- Jesus loves everyone.
- We can love everyone, too.




We will help the children feel:

- Loved by Jesus.
- Love for other people.
- Friendship with other people.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event and help act it out.
- Craft: Make cross neck ware to give to a friend.
- Snack: Make and eat a love heart.
- Game: *Play Jesus at the Well.*
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: ***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...Jesus says, “love everyone”.**
- Sing and Pray.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Large Group Opening 	3 4	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bubba puppet Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> well: draw squares on butcher paper and tape around a clean trash can bucket ladle Imagination Box that contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible costume for boy and girl actors
Small Group Application 	8 9 10 11	Activity 1: Craft Activity 2: Snack Activity 3: Game Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A copied on card stock, 1 per 4 children (option: trace cross on craft foam) paper hole punch 24" of yarn or string for each child tape your choice of beads or pasta with hole to string onto neck ware, 4-6 per child. <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> one slice of bread or tortilla per child heart-shaped cookie cutters jam or jelly plastic knives or craft sticks napkins, cups, water or juice <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> no supplies needed
Large Group Wrap-up 	12 12	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Judy puppet, Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Judy. (Children call "Judy".)

Judy: (Judy enters crying) Boo, hoo. (sniffs)

Presenter: My goodness, Judy, what is the matter?

Judy: Why are people so mean?

Presenter: Was someone mean to you?

Judy: Yes. I was playing at the park and some kids were there.

Presenter: Tell me what happened.

Judy: They were teasing me. They were making fun of my hair.

Presenter: What did they say?

Judy: They said my hair looks like a bird nest! (cries sadly)

Presenter: Judy, I am so sorry that those kids were mean to you. They were not being good friends.

Judy: I feel like I don't have a friend in the whole world.

Presenter: Well, Judy, that's where you are wrong.

Judy: I'm not so sure about that.

Presenter: Judy, I know someone who is your friend now and forever! He will never tease you or say mean things.

Judy: I would love a friend like that. Who is it?

Presenter: Judy, it is Jesus. He wants to be everyone's friend.

Judy: How do you know that Jesus wants to be my friend?

Presenter: It is in the Bible.

Judy: I'm sure they did not tease anyone in the Bible.

Presenter: Wrong again. Today's Bible event is about a woman who was teased by the other women in her village.

Judy: Was she teased about her hair like me?

Presenter: She was teased because she was a sinner. Jesus came to her town and told her he wanted to be her friend.

Judy: Did that make her feel better?

Presenter: Yes, Judy. Would you like to learn more about that Bible event?

Judy: Yes. It makes me feel better that Jesus is my friend.

Presenter: First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.

Judy: O.K.

Presenter: *JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...now you say, Jesus says, "love everyone".

Judy: Jesus says, love everyone.

Presenter: Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?

Judy: Sure.

Presenter: OK everybody, *JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...

Judy: (and everyone): **Jesus says, "love everyone".**

Presenter: Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Judy.

Judy: Bye everyone!

Bible Event:

Supplies: A well, (made by drawing squares on butcher paper and taping it around a clean wastebasket or trash can); ladle; bucket; Imagination Box containing: Bible; costume for a boy and a girl

Presenter holds the Bible. Place ladle by the well or hang on side of it. Put bucket to one side of stage.

Jesus Is a Friend to the Woman at the Well

Let's see what's in our Imagination Box. Here's the Bible. It's God's word. It's marked to a special page. Ah...This is the event when Jesus is a friend to the woman at the well. Let's act it out. I need the boys to sit on one side and the girls on the other. (If you have all boys or all girls, assign them rolls.)

Phrases that are underlined and italicized are to be repeated by the child actor or audience. Point to the actor to show when it is his or her turn.

We'll see what else we have in the Imagination Box. Here are some costumes. I'll need a volunteer to be Jesus and one to be the woman at the well.

After the children have been costumed, have Jesus go offstage on one side. The woman at the well should go offstage on the opposite side, where the bucket is.

Now I need everyone else to be helpers. All of the boys stand up. You're going to be Jesus' followers or disciples. Girls, you are going to be other women who lived in the village with the Samaritan woman. I'm going to ask you to repeat lines when I point to you so you can help tell the story. Listen closely.

Disciples, stand up and start walking in place. Jesus, come here and start walking in place. And now we begin...

One day Jesus and his disciples were walking through the land of Samaria. The Jews did not like Samaria because Samaria was a different country than Israel. The people worshiped God in a different way.

When the disciples were walking through Samaria, they said, "Eeew! Yuck – Samaria!" (point to disciples) Eeew! Yuck – Samaria!

As they walked through Samaria, Jesus and the disciples came to a well. Jesus told the disciples to go get some food while he rested.

"Go, get some food." (point to Jesus) Go, get some food.

So, the disciples left to get some food. Disciples, you can sit down now. Jesus, you can sit by the well.

After the disciples left, a Samaritan woman came to the well with her bucket to get water. It was the same well where Jesus was. (motion for Samaritan women to come on stage.) Most of the friends of Jesus would never talk to a Samaritan woman. They would say, “Eeew! Yuck!” (point to disciples) **Eeew! Yuck!**

This woman came to the well by herself. That’s because she didn’t have many friends. She was a sinful woman. The other women in the village would talk about her. They would say, “Eeew! Yuck – a sinful woman!” I think I hear the women in the village talking now, “Eeew! Yuck – a sinful woman!” (point to the girls) **Eeew! Yuck – a sinful woman!**

You can guess that this woman probably felt very much alone. When she came to the well, she didn’t expect Jesus to talk to her. After all, she was a Samaritan woman and she was sinful.

When Jesus saw the woman he asked, “Will you give me a drink?” (point to Jesus) **Will you give me a drink?**

It surprised the woman that Jesus talked to her. She asked Jesus, “Why are you being friendly to me?” (point to woman) **Why are you being friendly to me?**

Jesus said, “Let me tell you a riddle. If you knew who I was, you would ask me and I would give you living water. You would never be thirsty again.”

The Samaritan woman said, “I would like that kind of water. Then I wouldn’t have to come out to the well every day and bring water back.” Samaritan woman picks up ladle and dips it in the well and pretends to pour it in the bucket.

Jesus said, “No. Living water is not the kind of water you drink from a well. Living water means having Jesus as your friend and knowing that I love you. You need living water when you are thirsty in your heart. God fills you with his love!”

The Samaritan woman was confused. “Who are you? Are you the one who was promised from God?”

“Yes,” said Jesus. “I am the promised Savior from God. And listen to this: I am your friend.” (point to Jesus) **I am your friend.**

When the Samaritan woman heard this, she was excited. “Jesus, the Savior sent from God, will be *my* friend? Jesus must be *everyone’s* friend!”

The woman was so excited she went into town to tell everyone. “Come and meet Jesus!” (point to woman) **Come and meet Jesus!**

Have the girl playing the Samaritan woman go out into the audience and grab several kids and bring them onstage to sit at the well.

Do you see what the Samaritan woman did? After she learned Jesus loves her, she knew that Jesus loves everyone. This made her want to tell others about Jesus. She brought them to him.

Maybe you can remember just like she did: *JESUS IS EVERYONE’S FRIEND...*Jesus says, “love everyone”.*

Boys and girls, let’s practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. *JESUS IS EVERYONE’S FRIEND...*Jesus says, “love everyone”.*

Thank you for helping with this Bible Event. Everyone can go back to their places and be seated.

Let’s fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

Dear God,
We love you.
Jesus is our friend.
He says to love everyone.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus’ name.
Amen.

Song:

Let’s sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *London Bridge*)
Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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EV-ery ONE, EV-ry-ONE.
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LOVE ev-RY one.

Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft: Friendship Neck Ware

Supplies: Copies of Appendix A on card stock, one for every 4 children (option: use craft foam and trace and cut out cross); hole punch; 24" piece of yarn for each child; tape; your choice of beads or pasta to string

Before class, cut out crosses and punch hole near top of cross.



Boys and girls, today we are going to make friendship neck ware. (Calling it 'neck ware' instead of 'necklace' will make it more masculine for the boys.) To keep the beads from falling off the string, tape one end of the string to the table.

After the children string on two or three beads or pasta, give them the cross to string, then two or three more beads or pasta. When finished, help them tie a knot in the string. Children should be watched closely with the beads to make sure they do not end up in mouth, nose or ears.

You will make this friendship neck ware to give to a friend. It will show your friend that Jesus loves them.

When you give it to them, remember to say, "Jesus loves you."

Review the Bible Event.

How did the people in the Samaritan woman's village feel about her? (They teased her; nobody liked her because she was a Samaritan and she was sinful.)

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Activity 2: Snack: Love Heart

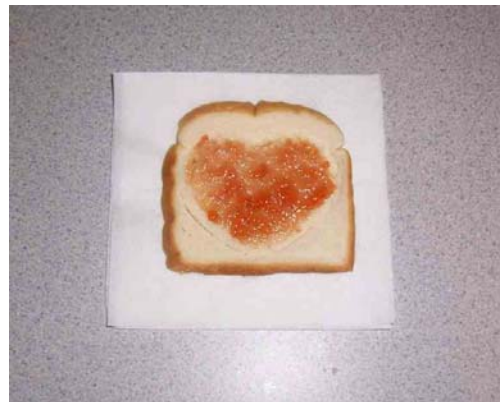
Supplies: One piece of bread or one tortilla per child; jam or jelly; heart shaped cookie cutters; plastic knives; napkins, cups, water or juice.

*****CAUTION:** *Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.*

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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We love you.
Jesus is our friend.
He says to love everyone.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Boys and girls, today we are going to make a heart snack to remind us that **JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...Jesus says, love everyone.** Use the cookie cutter to make a heart indentation on your bread. Now you can spread on some jam and eat your love snack.



Review the Bible event.

How did Jesus feel about the Samaritan woman? (*He loved her and he was her friend.*)

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Activity 3: Game: Jesus at the Well

Supplies: none

This activity works best with 6-12 children. You may need to join smaller groups of children together to play the game.

Children, please hold hands to form a circle. One child will be in the middle as Jesus. The rest of the children will walk in a circle around Jesus as we sing the song:

“Jesus at the Well”

(Tune: “The Farmer in the Dell”)

**Jesus at the well.
Jesus at the well.
All-le-hey-loo-oo-ia,
Jesus at the well.**

(Have Jesus grab a child and bring the child in the middle.)

**Jesus takes a friend.
Jesus takes a friend.
All-le-hey-loo-oo-ia,
Jesus takes (child's name).**

(Child pulled into the middle becomes Jesus and chooses the next person. Repeat second verse.)

Continue playing the game until every child is in the middle. End the song:

**Jesus is our friend.
Jesus is our friend.
All-le-hey-loo-oo-ia,
Jesus is our friend.**

Review the Bible event.

How did the Samaritan woman feel when Jesus said he was her friend?
(surprised, happy, excited, etc.)

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Prayer Time:

Jesus wants us to love everyone because he made everyone and he loves them.

How can you show other people that you love them? (*Be nice to them; play with them; tell them about Jesus; help them when they are hurt, etc.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. It is neck ware to give to a friend to remind them that Jesus loves them. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.



Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...**

Kids say:

...Jesus says, "love everyone".

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...**

Albie says:

I'm cold. Let's go sit in the sun!

Presenter: Albie, look at the snack we ate. It reminds us of Jesus' love. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...**

Kids say:

...Jesus says, "love everyone".

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...**

Albie says:

Have you ever put a hot dog in a hamburger bun?

Presenter: Albie, today we played a game called *Jesus At The Well*. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...**

Kids say:

...Jesus says, "love everyone".

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...**

Albie says:

Jesus is my number one!

Presenter says:

"Albie, listen one last time.

***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...**

Kids response: ...Jesus says, “love everyone”.

Presenter: (says to Albie): ***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND...**

Albie's response: (Warms up his singing voice with “*Mee, mee, mee, mee...*” and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)
***JESUS IS EVERYONE'S FRIEND.....Jesus says, “love everyone”.**

Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and Jesus wants you to love everyone.

