



*Use Week of:*

## Unit 21 • Session 4

# Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** John 4

**STORY POINT:** Jesus cared for people.

**KEY PASSAGE:** John 3:16

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

### Bible Story for Toddlers

Jesus and His friends traveled to teach people about God. They stopped in Samaria. While Jesus sat at a well, a woman came to get water. Jesus said, “Give Me a drink.” She was surprised. Jews did not like Samaritans! She asked, “You want a drink from me?” Jesus said, “If you knew who I am, you would ask Me for a drink. I would give you living water.” She asked, “What is this living water?” Jesus was not talking about water you drink. Jesus was talking about God’s Spirit. Jesus told the woman that He is the Messiah. The woman left her water jar and ran to the village. She told the people to come and hear Jesus. Many people believed that Jesus is the Messiah.

### Babies Gospel Gems

- \* Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman.
- \* The woman told people to come and hear Jesus.
- \* Many people believed Jesus is God’s Son.

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# BABIES Activities

## Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to John 4. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

**SAY • JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE.** Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman. The woman told people to come and hear Jesus. Many people believed Jesus is God's Son. [*Pray for the babies.*]

## Sing a hymn

Sing "Jesus Loves Me" while clapping or making simple hand motions. You may also sing the chorus below.

"Yes, Jesus loves me; yes, Jesus loves me;  
Yes, Jesus loves me; the Bible tells me so."

**SAY • JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE,** not just the people who were Jews like Him. Jesus came to rescue all people. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved!

## Explore a sensory bag

Pour blue bath gel, water beads, glitter, and fish shapes into a ziplock bag and seal it with duct tape. Place the bag in a refrigerator until the session. Invite babies to squeeze and explore the cool "water."

**SAY •** Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman who came to get water. **JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE** and told her about God's plan. The woman told people to come and hear Jesus. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

## Pour water

Provide a shallow plastic bin with an inch of water. Give babies a small cup and invite them to scoop and pour the water. Keep towels handy for cleanup.

**SAY •** Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman about living water, the Holy Spirit. **JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE.** Many people believed Jesus is God's Son.

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church's security guidelines. Give parents today's big picture card. Repeat the gospel gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

# TODDLER Activities

## Circle time (5 minutes)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card and guide toddlers to say it. Open your Bible to John 4. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the Bible story. Say the story point and gospel gems. Pray for the toddlers.

## Make well art

Cut a circle from gray or brown paper for each toddler. Help toddlers glue the circle on a sheet of paper. Provide small blue cellophane circles for toddlers to glue onto the gray circle to make the water in a well. Write the story point or Christ connection on his artwork. Retell the Bible story.

**SAY** • Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman at a well. **JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE.**  
Many people believed Jesus is God's Son.

## Play rhythm instruments

Provide rhythm instruments as you play worship music about Jesus' love for people. Retell the Bible story.

**SAY** • **JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE.** Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

## Look at pictures of people

Provide age-appropriate magazines with pictures of people of different ages, abilities, and ethnicities. Encourage toddlers to look carefully at the pictures and point out which of the people Jesus loves. (*all of them*) Retell the Bible story.

**SAY** • **JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE**, and He still does. Many people believed Jesus is God's Son. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved!

## Practice using eyedroppers

Provide disposable pie plates, small cups of water, and eyedroppers. Demonstrate to toddlers how to squeeze the dropper to pick up water and how to disperse it onto the pie plate. Keep towels nearby. Retell the Bible story.

**SAY** • Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman at a well. **JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE**, and He talked to the woman about God's plan. The woman told people to come and hear Jesus.

# BONUS Teaching Hour

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## Transition activity: Make spray art

Provide smocks to protect clothing. Give toddlers washable markers to draw on heavyweight paper. Help toddlers lightly spray bottles of water onto the paper to make the markers soften and give a watercolor feel. Keep towels handy for cleanup. Set the art aside to dry and write the story point on it. Retell the Bible story.

**SAY • JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE.** Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman at a well, where people got water in Bible times. The woman told people to come and hear Jesus. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved!

## “Scoop” water

Tape gray construction paper to a bucket so that it resembles a well. Provide ladles and cups for toddlers to play out drawing water. Talk about the Bible story as toddlers play.

**SAY • JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE.** Jesus spoke to a Samaritan woman at a well. Jesus was a Jew, and most Jews didn't like Samaritans. Jesus told the woman about God's plan, and the woman told people to come and hear Jesus.

## Call and respond

Invite toddlers to march as you play music. Stop the music and ask, “Who sent His Son?” Guide toddlers to cheer, “God!” Repeat, then say the key passage.

**SAY • JESUS CARED FOR PEOPLE.** God sent Jesus to rescue us. Many people believed Jesus is God's Son.

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ Connection, story point, or gospel gems throughout the week.