

Jesus Told a Woman about Living Water (John 4)



Dear families,

A clear reality that echoes throughout the New Testament is that God sends those He saves. Jesus commanded His disciples to go and tell others about Him. (Matt. 28:18-20) The story of Jesus and a Samaritan woman in John 4 also provides reminders of this idea.

Upon the Samaritan woman's hearing that God Himself was standing before her, she left her water—the very thing she had come to the well for—and returned quickly to her town to tell of this man.

Her response was not to run from Jesus but to expend her energy bringing others to Him: "Come, see." At the very least, she concluded that He was the Messiah. At the very most, she had surrendered to His authority over her life and was now trusting in His power to forgive. Either way, she was moved to go and tell.

Immediately following this, Jesus used the question of His need for food to exhort the disciples to go and tell as well. After telling the disciples that He is fulfilled by doing the work of God, Jesus shared with His friends that they too were created to participate in the work of God—sowing and reaping by bringing men, women, boys, and girls to Jesus.

Ultimately, Jesus called these men to follow Him so they would experience joy in His presence forever, glorify Him, and invite others to do the same. He saved them to participate in the mission of God to make known the hope found only in Him.

And the same is true of us as well. Those whom God has saved are also sent by Him so that people in their communities and all over the world can receive the invitation to come and see the Savior—Jesus Christ.

Jesus calls us to Himself and then He sends us to go. When we take part in the mission of God, we are demonstrating that we love Jesus more than anything. Before He ascended to heaven, Jesus also promised that we don't take on this mission alone. He will surely be with us—by the gift of the Spirit.

The Lord saves us and commands us to share the hope of the gospel. As we participate in His mission, He promises to be with us and produces joy within us as others come to faith in Him. Jesus is worthy.

Check out *The Gospel Project At Home* for resources designed to help you lead a family worship experience as well as suggestions for morning and evening prayer times and family activities.

FAMILY TALKING POINTS

CHRIST CONNECTION

This is the big idea of how this week's Bible story points to Jesus.

- **Babies & Toddlers:** Jesus loves everyone. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved from sin.
- **Younger Preschool:** Jesus loves everyone. He came to give people salvation from sin. When we trust in Jesus, we worship Him as our Lord and Savior.
- **Older Preschool:** Jesus is different from other people. Jesus loves everyone, and He came to give people a free gift: salvation from sin. When we trust in Jesus, we worship Him as our Lord and Savior.
- **Kids:** Jesus offers something better than physical water; He gives us Himself. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who comes to Him by faith. We can worship Him as Lord and Savior wherever we are.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER

This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **Younger Preschool:** How do we know God loves us? We can know that God loves us because He sent His Son Jesus.
- **Older Preschool:** How do we know God loves us? We can know that God loves us because He sent His Son Jesus.

- **Kids:** How do we know God loves us? We can know that God loves us because He gave us Jesus to forgive the sins of the world.

KEY PASSAGE

This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **Babies & Toddlers:** God sent His Son Jesus. Romans 5:8
- **Younger Preschool:** We know that God loves us because He sent His Son Jesus. Romans 5:8
- **Older Preschool:** While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8
- **Kids:** But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

**** Next week:** God Loves All People (1 Corinthians 13)