

Jesus Knows You and Loves You!

Bible Lesson: Samaritan Woman – John 4:1-30, 39-42

Main Teaching: Jesus knows you and loves you!

Word Up: Jesus loves everyone!

Supplies:

- Word Up Booklet – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- 1 dice and workout visual for each group – Small Group
- Recording for “Let’s Get Started” and “That the World Might Be Saved” - Worship (Sing About the King 4 CD)
- Optional Song Visual for “Let’s Get Started” – Worship (cefpress.com)
- White Board, Red Sharpie, Red Whiteboard Marker – Object Lesson
- Flashcards for Bible Story “The Samaritan Woman” – Bible Lesson
- 8 red squares and 8 blue squares with points on the back – Review Game (Resource Pack)
- Missionary Visual – Gladys Aylward – Missionary Story
- Small circle of playdough for each child – Small Group
- Quiet Time take home for Week 3 – Dismissal (Resource Pack)

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

- 15 min – Small Group
- 10 min – Worship / Rules / Word Up
- 10 min – Object Lesson
- 15 min – Bible Lesson
- 10 min – Review Game
- 5 min – Missionary Story
- 10 min – Small Group

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever had trouble loving someone? This lesson shows how Jesus went to a woman who most people did not like. The Samaritan woman was an outcast. No one wanted to talk to her or be around her, but Jesus did. He had created her and loved her. We should love each other because we are all created in God’s image. We all need the Holy Spirit to help us love others, especially people others reject. The children will learn that Jesus knows them and loves them. Saved children will be challenged to ask the Holy Spirit to help them love people who are hard to love.



SMALL GROUP

Dice Workout

Materials: Large Dice and Workout Visual

How to Play: Choose a child to roll the dice. Match the number they rolled to the action indicated on the workout visual. All the kids in the group do the action together. Keep rolling the dice until each action is done once. At the end of the activity (after all actions have been completed), tell the kids that Jesus loves us ALL the time! He loves us when we play and when we sleep, and he even loves us when we fight and when we cry. Nothing can come in the way of Jesus’ great love for you!

Dice Workout Visual:

1. Running in Place
2. Playing Basketball
3. Air Punching
4. Sleeping
5. Pretend to have a tea party
6. Pretend to Cry

WORSHIP

To learn songs and motions, go to <https://www.cefcmi.com/lessons/song-demos>

“Let’s Get Started”

“That the World Might Be Saved”

RULES

Review the Up Rules Chart



WORD UP!

“Jesus Loves Everyone!”

Close your eyes and think about a person you love. Maybe it’s your best friend, your parents, your grandparents or a teacher. We all have people in our lives we love but there is someone who loves more people than we can even count! The Bible tells us that Jesus loves absolutely everyone in the entire world! Whenever you hear the words “Word Up!” jump up and shout out **“Jesus loves everyone!”** (*Say with children.*)

OBJECT LESSON

Unconditional Love

Materials: Whiteboard (or white paper inside page protector), red dry erase marker, red sharpie

Before Activity: Draw three hearts on the whiteboard with the dry erase marker. Then draw one heart on the whiteboard with a Sharpie. Remember which heart was drawn with the Sharpie, as you will try to “erase” that one last.

On my whiteboard here, I have some hearts. Let’s pretend these hearts represent different people or things we love. Look at this first heart here. This represents our best friend. We hang out with them every day and always play together! But one day, they don’t want to play with you anymore. They tell you that they found some new friends, and you feel like there is a piece in your heart missing without them (take an eraser or towel and wipe off that heart). This heart here represents a grandma or a grandpa who you love dearly. But one day, they tell you they are moving away to a different state, and you might not be able to see them as often. You know they still love you so much, but you feel distant and sad when they move away (erase second dry erase heart from board). This third heart represents your very favorite toy or device. You play with this toy every day and take it everywhere with you. But one day, you lose or break the toy and you are so sad. Again, a part of your heart is broken when you no longer have your favorite toy. (erase third heart).

But this fourth heart is a little different. Because this heart represents the love Jesus has for you. And Jesus has a love for you that started before you were born and will last forever! Nothing can erase the love Jesus has for you! (Try to erase the heart written in permanent marker with your towel.) **WORD UP! Jesus loves everyone!**

Teachers – to erase the permanent marker from your whiteboard when done, use hand sanitizer or trace over the permanent marker with a whiteboard marker and wipe it off.



BIBLE LESSON

INTRODUCTION

(Choose three children and/or adult volunteers. Give each a sign with names of a nearby town on it. Have two children stand on either side of the room with the third child between them.) Each of these signs represents a town near us. (Call a fourth child to come to the front.) I would like you to stand by (name of first town). Now show us the fastest way to get from there to (name of third town). Now show us a much longer way to get to (third town). (Encourage child to walk around the room detouring around a few obstacles. Have helpers sit down.) Why would anyone want to go the long way instead of the short way? (Allow response.)

PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

Flashcard 3-1

The Bible tells us about a place the Jewish people (Israelites) would not go near. This place was called Samaria. The Jewish people would not go through Samaria to get anywhere because they hated the Samaritans and would do anything to avoid them.

Jews would never talk to a Samaritan. There were many reasons why the Jews hated the Samaritans. The Samaritans didn't like the Jews either. One reason they didn't like each other is because they did not believe the same things about God. The Jews and Samaritans would fight over who believed the right things about God.

If a Jewish person passed a Samaritan on the road, he would even walk in the ditch so their shadows wouldn't touch. Jewish people would take a different road even though going through Samaria was the fastest way. Sometimes they would go all the way over by the Jordan River or all the way over by the Mediterranean Sea.

Flashcard 3-2

One day Jesus and His disciples needed to make a trip. The shortest route would take them right through Samaria. Which way do you think Jesus went? (Allow response.) The Bible says, (read John 4:3-4). Jesus walked right through Samaria! Why would He do that? Because Jesus loved all people!

Word Up! "Jesus loves everyone!" (Say with children.) He even loves those no one else does. Loving others no one else loves is hard isn't it?



Did you know that if you have believed on Jesus, He wants you to love everyone? You are commanded to love each other, even the people you don't like, because they are created by God just like you are. The Bible says, (read Matthew 5:44). Jesus told people to love even their enemies and to pray for those who were mean to them. Don't say a name out loud, but can you think quietly to yourself of someone who is hard for you to love? Maybe it's someone who most other people don't like. Maybe it's someone who is mean to you. It can be very hard to love people who are mean or who others do not like, but because you have God the Holy Spirit living in you, He will help you love them. If you have believed on Jesus, **ask the Holy Spirit to help you love people who are hard to love.** He will give you love for them and the courage and ability to treat them right even when others don't.

Jesus loves everyone. He loved the Samaritans and so He chose to walk through Samaria. He and His disciples had been walking all day. Stand up and walk in place while I count to ten then pretend to be really tired. (Do with children.) It was a tiring journey. They came to a town with a well where the people got their water. His disciples went into town to buy some food and Jesus sat down to rest. Why would Jesus need to stop and rest if He is God? Jesus is fully God but because He was also fully man, He needed to rest and eat when He was on Earth. He got tired and hungry just like you do.

Flashcard 3-3

Shortly after Jesus sat down to rest, He saw a Samaritan woman carrying a large jar. She ignored Jesus and prepared to fill the jar with water.

Jesus asked her, “Will you give Me a drink?” Jesus was talking to a Samaritan! Why do you think He was talking to her? How do you think the woman felt about a Jewish man talking to her? (*Allow responses.*) The Jewish people hated her. Even her own people were not really friends with her. She was coming to the well in the middle of the day when it was hot and the other women would not be there.

But Jesus was different. He is the perfect Son of God. He cared about this woman even though she was a Samaritan.



Jesus cares for every person because He created every person. **He knows and loves you** because He created you. (*Read 1 John 4:19.*) Long before you even had heard about God, He knew you and loved you.

Word Up! “Jesus loves everyone!” (*Say with children.*) He knows everything about you—where you live, what your favorite food is and your favorite things to do. He even knows what you will be when you grow up! Jesus is God. He is good and holy. This means everything He does is right and perfect. He cares for you and He cares for those who other people do not love.

Jesus cared about this woman even though she was a Samaritan and others did not like her. Jesus asked her for a drink. She was so surprised that He would speak to her. She knew how the Jewish people felt about Samaritans.

Flashcard 3-4

After Jesus had asked for a drink, He talked with her. He even told her that He was the one God sent to save the people from their sins! She tried to change the subject and talk about something else. But Jesus did not give up on her. Instead, He told her, “Go call your husband and come back.”

The woman answered, “I have no husband.” Her answer didn’t surprise Jesus. He knew all about the woman’s life because He is God.

“That’s true,” Jesus said. “You have had five husbands and the man you’re living with now is not your husband.” When Jesus told the woman about herself, He showed that He is God. There is a big word we can use about God. That word is *omniscient*. This word means “all knowing.” Jesus knew everything about her and loved her even though she was a sinner.



God knows everything about you. He knows when you are happy and when you are sad. He knows when you obey your parents, are kind to others and tell the truth. God also knows when you sin even when no one else knows. To sin is to do, say or think things that are against what God says is right. He knows when you lie and hurt others. When you do not love people, that is sin. You and I were born with sin. (*Read Romans 3:10.*) Righteous means “does right all the time.” No one does right all the time except God. Even though He loves you and me, the Bible says God hates sin. God takes sin very seriously because He is holy. The punishment for sin is separation from God now and forever, which is the worst thing ever. He knows all about you and your sin but He loves you anyway.

Jesus knows everything about you just like He knew about the Samaritan woman. Wouldn’t you be surprised if someone you didn’t know began telling you all about yourself? This woman was surprised too! She thought Jesus must be a prophet—one who spoke for God—since He knew all about her.

She said to Him, “I know the Messiah is coming. When He comes, He will tell us all things.” The Messiah was the promised Savior. Jesus is the Messiah. He came to save the world from the punishment of sin.

Jesus said to her, (*read John 4:26.*) Jesus told the woman He is the Messiah. He is the one who came into the world to save everyone who would believe on Him from the punishment sin brings.



Our memory verse tells about this. (*Quote John 3:17 with children.*) God sent Jesus, His only Son, to save you, not to punish you for the wrong you have done. **Jesus knows you and loves you.**

Word Up!

Say with me, “**Jesus loves everyone!**” (*Say with children.*) Jesus lived perfectly. He never sinned. He did not deserve to die but He willingly took your place because of His love for you. (*Read Revelation 1:5b.*) On the cross when the nails were put into His hands and feet, Jesus’ blood flowed out and He died. Jesus bled and died so you could be forgiven for all the wrong things you have done. He did not stay dead though! He came alive again so all who believe on Him will be saved from the punishment of sin. He is alive in Heaven today ruling over all things. He is the Messiah.

Jesus told the woman He is the Messiah, the one who would save the world from the punishment sin brings. Jesus’ words must have shocked the woman. She wondered, *Could this man really be the Messiah?*

CLIMAX

Flashcard 3-5

She ran back to the city and told everyone she met, “Come see a man who told me everything I’ve done! Could He be the Christ (Messiah)?”

CONCLUSION

Flashcard 3-6

The people hurried to see Jesus. They were surprised at the woman’s words and wanted to see if Jesus truly was the promised Savior they had been waiting for. Many of the Samaritans believed on Jesus because of what the woman had said and because they heard Him for themselves. They believed on Jesus as their Savior.

INVITATION



Have you believed on Jesus as your Savior? He loves you and cares for you no matter what sinful things you have done. Jesus knows all about you and loves you so much that He died for you. Acts 16:31 says, (*read from Bible*). To believe means to trust that Jesus died on the cross and came alive again so you could be saved from the punishment of sin. When you are saved, God the Holy Spirit helps you live for God as He created you to do. Will you agree with God about your sin and believe on Him? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you are ready to believe on Jesus as your Savior today, will you show me by looking up at me? (*Acknowledge responses.*) Everyone can open their eyes now. If you looked up at me and want to talk to me about it, please meet me (*designate time and location*) and I can show you from the Bible more about believing on Jesus.



REVIEW GAME

Give or Keep

Prepare eight blue squares and eight red squares. Mark point values on the back of each square and place them in a bag or box. Divide children into a red team and a blue team and ask questions, alternating between teams. When a child answers correctly, give his team 100 points and let him draw a card from the bag. If a red square is drawn, the points on the card go to the red team. If the square is blue, the points go to the blue team.

1. Why wouldn’t the Jews go to Samaria? (*They hated the Samaritans.*)
2. Why would Jesus choose to walk right through Samaria instead of going the long way? (*He loves all people.*)

3. Even though God loves you, how does God feel about your sin? *(He hates sin.)*
4. Our memory verse says God did not send Jesus into the world to do what? *(Condemn the world.)*
5. If Jesus is your Savior, what is something He wants you to do for everyone, even people you don't like? *(Love them; treat them right; answers may vary.)*
6. How can you love someone who is mean to you or who others don't like? *(Answers will vary; ask God for help to love that person.)*
7. What did Jesus ask the woman to give Him? *(A drink of water.)*
8. Was Jesus surprised when the woman said she didn't have a husband? Why or why not? *(No; He knew all about her life because He is God and knows everything.)*
9. Who did Jesus tell the woman He is? *(The Messiah; the promised Savior.)*
10. What do you need to believe about Jesus to be saved? *(He is the only one who can save me from my sins; He died and rose again for me.)*
11. After talking with Jesus, what did the woman say to the people in the city? *(Come see a man who told me everything I've done. Could He be the Messiah?)*
12. Why did the people hurry to see Jesus? *(They were surprised at the woman's words; they wanted to see if Jesus truly was the promised Savior.)*

MISSIONARY STORY

Gladys Aylward

Part 4



Do you remember what job Gladys Aylward had? *(Allow response.)* She went to many villages around Yangcheng, China to tell them about how it was wrong to tie up baby girls' feet. While she did this important job, she did something even more important—she told people about Jesus! While she was doing this job, the people she spent time with began to respect her. God had more work for her to do and He was going to give her a family.

One day, as Gladys was walking home, a woman with a young girl dressed in rags, blocked her path. "You can have this child for 35 cents," the woman whined. Gladys wasn't sure how to respond. This woman was selling a child?! Gladys hadn't particularly wanted to take care of any children, but she knew God wanted her to do something for this child. She reached into her pocket and pulled

out all the money she had with her—five Chinese coins, which was about nine pence in England at the time (14 cents then and around \$2.50 today). "This is all I have," she said. The woman nodded and pushed the child into Gladys's arms. Gladys carried the little girl home and named her Ninepence. Gladys cared for her, and in a few days she looked so much healthier. Ninepence could walk and talk with Gladys.

Soon a little boy named Less came to stay with them. More orphans continued to arrive until Gladys eventually had a large family of her own living at the inn. And the number kept growing—10, 20, then 40 children. Gladys prayed to God one night, "Dear God, I don't think I can take any more. I believe 40 is a good round number for one woman. Please don't send anymore." But God doesn't always answer our prayers the way we think He should.

That year was the year World War II came to China. **How would the war change things for Gladys and her growing family? Would Gladys and her children be safe? Would she be able to continue to share God's love with the Chinese people? Come back next time to find out!**



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

Changed Heart Playdough

(Give each child a ball of play dough.) Try to change this ball of play dough into a heart shape. (Give the children some time to make a heart out of their play dough. As they are doing so, discuss the following questions.) If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, the Holy Spirit changes your heart. What do you think it means that the Holy Spirit changes your heart? (Allow response.) It means He changes the way you think, feel and act to help you be more like Jesus. (Give a personal example of how the Holy Spirit has changed your heart.) Only God the Holy Spirit can change your heart; you can't do it on your own. Think about one way your heart needs to be changed to make you more like Jesus. You don't need to say it out loud. (Allow children time to think.) Bow your head and close your eyes. Silently pray and ask the Holy Spirit to change your heart. (After a moment of silence, pray for the children and yourself.)

DISMISSAL

Hand out a Quiet Time Sheet (Week 3 in the Resource Pack) to each child. Encourage them to fill it out and bring it back next week. As children are getting picked up, try and connect with the parents and let them know the kids are working on having a heart like Jesus.

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Lesson Outline	
I. INTRODUCTION When would it make sense to take the longer way somewhere?	
II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS A. Flashcard 3-1 The Jews and Samaritans hated each other.	
B. Flashcard 3-2 (John 4:1-6) 1. Jesus chose to walk right through Samaria. 2. If you have believed in Jesus, you are commanded to love everyone. [Matthew 5:44] 3. Jesus sat down to rest by a well.	
C. Flashcard 3-3 (John 4:7-9) 1. Jesus asked a Samaritan woman to give Him a drink of water. 2. The woman was surprised a Jewish man was speaking to her. 3. Jesus cares for every person because He created every person. [1 John 4:19]	
D. Flashcard 3-4 (John 4:10-26) 1. Jesus knew everything about her and loved her in spite of her sinfulness. 2. No one does right all the time except God. [Romans 3:10] 3. Jesus told the woman that He is the Messiah—the promised Savior. 4. God sent Jesus to save you, not to punish you for the wrong you have done. [John 3:17; Revelation 1:5b]	
III. CLIMAX Flashcard 3-5 (John 4:28-29) She ran back to the city and told everyone to come and see Jesus, asking "Could He be the Christ (Messiah)?"	
IV. CONCLUSION Flashcard 3-6 (John 4:30, 39-42) Many of the Samaritans believed on Jesus. 5. Jesus knows all the bad things you have done and He still loves you. [Acts 16:31]	

Scripture verses in parentheses are background text.
Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.