

### LESSON 2

## JESUS AND THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** God Sent Jesus to Save Us

**SCRIPTURE:** John 4

**GOD'S BIG STORY:** Jesus talks with a Samaritan woman at a well and reveals that He is the Messiah, the promised One sent to save all people.

**WORD OF WONDER:** God so loved the world. He gave His one and only Son. —from John 3:16

**Activity: Pass the Cup**

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**Wonder@Home™**

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Activity: Pass the Cup

**SUPPLIES:** disposable cups (at least 10)

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Welcome to church! Do you see this cup? What do you do with a cup?** Allow the kids to answer. **We drink from it! Today we're going to hear about when Jesus talked to a woman and asked for a drink of water! Where do you get your drinks from when you drink water?** Allow the kids to respond.

**Let's pass this cup around and get curious!**

Show kids a cup and let them take turns passing it around. Watch to ensure they don't put their mouths on it. Let them feel it and look at it. Ask them what it feels like.

Let the kids stack the cups and take turns knocking them down.

## Activity: Hidden Jesus Picture

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Jesus Picture

Ahead of time, print the Jesus Picture and hide it somewhere in the room. **We're going to play a game where you will use your eyes to look for something! Are you ready? You're looking for a picture of Jesus! It's hidden somewhere in the room, and you can find it!**

Invite the kids to look for the Jesus Picture. If they need help, offer clues about where it's hidden. Then have them close their eyes or turn their backs, and hide the picture again, but this time, hide it somewhere near water (such as a sink/faucet or a water bottle). Allow them to look for the picture again.



**You may not expect to have found the Jesus Picture near water. In our story today, we'll hear about a woman who went to gather water and met Jesus there! We'll hear how Jesus changed her life and how He can change ours too! Our Wonder Truth today is **GOD SENT JESUS TO SAVE US.****

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**GOD**—Point up.

**SENT JESUS**—Arms out to the side (like a cross).

**TO SAVE**—Fold hands together (praying hands).

**US**—Point to yourself.

## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [Hanging Out with Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

**Today we'll learn about how God sent Jesus to save us! Let's thank God for Jesus!**

Play songs from the [Hanging Out with Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

## God's Big Story

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [Jesus and the Woman at the Well God's Big Story Video](#), Well Picture, Bible Story Picture (optional)

Ahead of time, print the Well Picture.

**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a how God showed His love for us by sending Jesus.** Encourage the kids to say, "Jesus." **Let's find out from the Bible what happened.**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the script provided. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give the kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.



**Jesus spent a lot of time healing people and teaching the good news about God's kingdom. As He traveled, Jesus stopped to rest at a well just outside a town called Samaria. A woman arrived at the well to get a drink. Jesus asked the woman for a drink of water from the well.** Hold up the Well Picture. **This is what a well looks like. A well is a hole that is dug into the ground to get water. Back then, people needed to lower something, like a bucket, to get water from underground so they could have a drink.**

**People where Jesus was from didn't usually talk to the people where the woman lived.**

**But the woman and Jesus started talking. Jesus said that if she knew who He was, she would want to know more about what He could give her. Jesus said He had water that would last longer than the water in the well. Wow!** Hold up the Well Picture again.

**The woman wanted to know more, and Jesus told her some amazing things that He knew about her life. He said that He is the living water. That means whoever believes in Him will live with God forever!**

**Jesus told the woman that He is the Promised One, sent from God to save people.**

**The Samaritan woman was so excited that she ran back to town to tell everyone about the man who told her these things. Everyone in town was amazed and many believed in Jesus because of what the woman told them.**

## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#) (optional)

### WORD OF WONDER

God so loved the world. He gave His one and only Son.

—from John 3:16

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using. **Our Word of Wonder for the Hanging Out with Jesus series is from John 3:16. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.**

- **GOD**—Point up to God.
- **SO LOVED**—Hands on heart.
- **THE WORLD.**—Hands in a big circle over your head.
- **HE GAVE HIS ONE**—Point up with one finger.
- **AND ONLY SON.**—Hold your hands out on either side (like a cross).
- **FROM JOHN 3:16**—Hold your hands together as if opening a book.

## Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish their activity, pray with them, thanking God for loving us and sending Jesus.

**When I say the word, “love” or “loving,” put your hands on your heart.**

**God, thank You for loving (hands on heart) us so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Savior and best friend. Help us share that love (hands on heart) with others. We love (hands on heart) You! In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** God sent Jesus to people who were ignored, and He brought hope to the world. May you always remember that you have hope in Jesus no matter what. God sent Jesus to save you because He loves you!

## Activity: Water from the Well

**SUPPLIES:** bowl or bucket (2), blue pom-poms, small cups (1 per kid)

Set out a bowl or bucket partially filled with blue pom-poms. Set an empty bowl or bucket on the other side of the room. Give the kids small cups and let them take turns pretending to “draw water from the well” and collect a small amount of pom-poms from the bowl in the cup. Let the kids carry the water (pom-poms) to the empty bowl or bucket and dump the water into it.

**The woman in our story was at a well to get water, but she got something even greater! She got to know Jesus! Today we learned from God’s big story that God sent Jesus to save us!**