



Elementary

Week 4:

Sharing Your Story

Lesson Overview:

Scripture: John 4:4-26

Key Passage to Memorize: “Jesus told her, ‘I, the one speaking to you, am he.’”
John 4:26

Main Point: The good news of Jesus is for everyone, no matter what you have done.

Lesson time: 45 Minutes

Ice Breaker: 10 minutes while students arrive.

Introduction: 5 minutes to get students attention and to introduce topic.

Bible Reading: 5 minutes to read verses from the Bible and explain how to find them.

Application Activity: 10 minutes

Review and Pray: 10 minutes

Closing Activity: 5 minutes

Items Needed:

Ice Breaker: Scissors, glue, crayons.

Application Activity: 2 buckets and 2 coins.

Review and Pray: *Review and Pray* sheet and crayons.

Closing Activity: A beanbag and the verse cards cut out and spread out on the floor.

Ice Breaker:10 minutes *Designed to get kids ready to learn, to get their attention, and to focus them in while others are arriving.*

Before children arrive set out scissors, glue, and crayons along with the week 4 ice breaker activity sheet.

As children arrive greet them and tell them: **Today we are learning about Jesus and the woman at the well. We are learning that the good news of Jesus is for everyone, no matter what you have done.**

After about 5-6 minutes of coloring, tell them that in today's Bible story there was a woman at the well and Jesus told her He could give her living water.

Take your water glass page and cut the words out and glue them in the cup.

Say: **You all did a great job coloring. Let's get ready for our Bible story today.**

Introduction: 5 minutes: *The introduction is designed to lay the foundation for what you will be teaching and where you will be in Scripture.*

Say: **Who is your favorite person to sit down and talk to? Why?** Let each child answer and take turns sharing.

We all have favorite people to talk with—it could be a parent, a brother or sister, or a friend. Conversations go all sorts of directions, but the best kind have a goal to help and make you better, to help you know more, or to get to know each other more. Jesus had this type of conversation with a woman in Samaria.

Bible Reading: 5 minutes

Hold your Bible and say: **This is God's special book, the Bible. When we read from it, we get to hear what God is saying to us. Today we are reading from Psalm 126:1-6. The Bible is divided up into two parts. The Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament has 39 books and the New testament has 27 books. The Bible is made up of 66 books that tell one big story about how Jesus came to save people. The book of John is in the New Testament.**

Find John in your Bible, explain how 4 is the chapter. It is the big number. After you find the big 4, read the verse. The verse is after the little 4. Explain that we will read through verse 26. Read John 4:4-26.

Say: Today we read about how Jesus met a Samaritan and told her about the living water he could offer. What is living water? What did Jesus mean by you will never be thirsty again?

Application Activity: 10 minutes *Designed to get your kids moving and to drive home the main point.*

Say: The good news of Jesus is for everyone, no matter what you have done. Just like Jesus told the woman at the well about living water, living water is available to us, too. Jesus wants us to know Him and to follow Him. He loves us and died for us no matter what we have done.

We all make mistakes and miss the mark, but Jesus loves us! For our game today I will put out two buckets and divide you into two teams. The first person in line will toss their coin in the bucket or “well” and then go to the back of the line. Once everyone has had a turn, we will move the bucket 2 feet away. Everyone will try again to toss their coin in the bucket. Then move it 2 more feet and have everyone take a turn.

Ask: Did it get easier or harder to get your coin in the bucket or “well”? It got harder right? Did anyone get it right every time? No. In the game, just like in real life we missed the mark and we got it wrong sometimes. But the good news is Jesus loves us and died for us even though we don’t always get it right or do the right thing. The good news of Jesus is for everyone, no matter what you have done.

Review and Pray: 10 Minutes

Say: Today we learned about the woman at the well and how Jesus offered her living water. He loved her no matter what she had done. Once she learned about Jesus, she ran to tell everyone! Let’s take a few minutes and act the Bible story out. Have children take turns telling and acting out the Bible story.

Hand each child a *Review and Pray* activity sheet. Have them draw a picture of someone they would like to tell the good news of Jesus to.

After they finish, pray together.

Dear God, thank You for loving us no matter what. Help us to tell others about Jesus. In Jesus' name, amen.

Closing Activity: 5 minutes

As children are preparing to be picked up, have them stand up and go over the memory verse together. Give each child a bean bag and take turns tossing the beanbag on to the verse cards. Practice saying the verse together.

Copy the front and back of the take home page and give to each child. Point out the memory verse to their parents.