

## City LG—February 13th, 2022

**Today's Bible Story:** By Your Side (Jesus Talks with a Woman from Samaria) • *John 4:1-30, 39-42*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Show others that they matter.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *The LORD has shown you what is good. He has told you what he requires of you. You must act with justice. You must love to show mercy. And you must be humble as you live in the sight of your God.* Micah 6:8 (NIV)

**REMINDER: Kids will need to be grouped into Small Groups to begin Service**

### **WORSHIP: Higher than the Sky and Look to You**

“Hi, friends! We’ve got another great story about Jesus to look at today. (*Hold up Bible.*) It’s an amazing example of how Jesus showed compassion to someone who really needed it.

“At the time, Jesus had been teaching people in and around Jerusalem. But He knew it was time to return to Galilee.

“Most Jewish people who had to travel this way would go the long way around through the desert, because they didn’t want anything to do with the people who lived in Samaria. For hundreds of years, there had been trouble between Jewish people and Samaritans. So, for the most part, they just avoided each other. What do you think Jesus and His friends did? Did they go AROUND Samaria or go THROUGH Samaria? Shout out what you think. (*Pause for response.*)

**SLIDE: Image #2b (Jesus and the disciples walking into Samaria)**

“Jesus and His friends went right through Samaria. Whoa! That’s definitely a bold move. Jesus and the disciples came to a town called Sychar. More than a thousand years before, Jacob had dug a well there. Jesus was tired from the journey, so what do you think He did? Did He sit by the well or did He jump inside to cool off? Shout out your answer. (*Pause for response.*)

**SLIDE: Image #3b (Jesus sitting by the well)**

“Jesus sat down by the well. The disciples had gone into town to buy food. While Jesus waited, a woman from Samaria came to get water.

**SLIDE: Image #4a (Jesus and the Samaritan woman)**

“Jesus spoke to the woman. He said . . .

*Open the Bible to John 4:7 (NIV) and read.*

“Will you give me a drink?

“The Samaritan woman must have been very surprised. Jesus was a Jewish man. Why would He speak to a Samaritan like her? She said to Jesus . . .

*Open the Bible to John 4:9 (NIV) and read.*

*“You are a Jew. I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?”*

“Listen to what Jesus said next.

*Open the Bible to John 4:10 (NIV) and read.*

*“You do not know what God’s gift is. And you do not know who is asking you for a drink. If you did, you would have asked him. He would have given you living water.”*

“Wow! Jesus wasn’t talking about ACTUAL water. He was telling the woman that He could offer her ‘living water.’ He was talking about life that lasts forever. He said . . .

*Open the Bible to John 4:13 (NIV) and read.*

*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But anyone who drinks the water I give them will never be thirsty. In fact, the water I give them will become a spring of water in them. It will flow up into eternal life.”*

“Wow! What do you think the woman did next? Do you think she got mad and ran away? Or do you think she was curious and wanted to learn more? Shout out your answer! (Pause for response.) Let’s find out with the help of this week’s video!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:00)**

“The Samaritan woman had made some wrong choices . . . and some of the other people didn’t want to be around her BECAUSE she had made those wrong choices. But that didn’t stop Jesus from being her friend.

“Jesus felt compassion for the woman. He chose to talk with her. He made it clear that no matter what she had done or how she was treated by others, she mattered to Him. And so did the other Samaritans.

“When we follow Jesus, we can share His compassion by showing people that they matter. Because we know that everyone is valuable and important to Jesus. Here’s what we need to remember.

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “Show others that they matter.”**

“Let’s put some action to it!”

**CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:00)**

“With God’s help, I know we can do it! Will you pray with me?”

**PRAY:** “God, thank You for loving us, no matter what. All of us have messed up. All of us need compassion. It feels so good to know that there’s nothing we could ever do to make You stop loving us. Please help us show love to other people and show them that they matter—like Jesus did for the Samaritan woman. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

"The woman from Samaria probably felt like she didn't matter to anyone. She was sad about what she had done wrong. Maybe she even felt like she was invisible. But Jesus really SAW her. He showed amazing compassion. He showed the woman that she mattered. He showed her how much He loved her.

"Jesus loves US, too. And It's important that we remember to share His love with the people around us. We need to show compassion to all the people who are on our block. We need to show others that they matter—especially those who may be forgotten or overlooked.

"Remember . . .

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line]** "Show others that they matter.

"After all, we'd want someone to do that for us, right? We'd want someone to show compassion to us. We know how good it feels when someone makes us feel important and valuable. So we need to treat others that way. We need to **treat others the way we want to be treated**.

"What could that look like for you? Maybe you could introduce yourself to someone who's sitting alone at lunch. Maybe you could help someone without being asked. If your mom or dad is bringing in the groceries, you could stop what you're doing to carry in a bag or two. Maybe you could remember to say 'thank you' when someone does something nice for you and really let them know that what they did meant a lot to you.

"I bet you can think of some more great ways to **[Bottom Line]** show others that they matter. I'll see you next time!"

*Dismiss kids after leading offering.*

#### **OFFERING:**

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here's a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!"

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri

New Lenox: Daniel

Homer Glen: Victor