

## Reality – Bible Lesson for July 19, 2020 – Preschool

### Worship

#### Lesson 3: Jesus Explains Worship

**1. Lesson: Jesus Explains Worship**

**2. Scripture:** John 4:3-42

**3. Memory Verse:** "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and in truth." – John 4:24

**4. Materials useful in teaching the lesson – Craft:** Paper lunch bags – colored or plain (two for each child); masking tape or colorful duct tape; markers; stickers; unpopped popcorn, small dried beans, rice, or anything you have to place in the bags

**Craft:**

<https://www.daniellesplace.com/html/musicalinstruments.html>

**Videos you can use to reinforce the story:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Vf3rqnoG5c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNxNWv6KZ7s>

**1. Prayer and Welcome Activity:** Pray with your children – then introduce the following songs: (Videos of songs below...)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDCTNhYqEko>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9EbZsgZfJs>

### My God is So Big

My God is so big (move hands out from each other at sides)

So strong and so mighty (make muscles with up with both arms, and then down)

There's nothing my God cannot do (shake head "no" and cross arms in front of body)

For you (point at other person)

(Repeat Chorus)

**Verse:**

The mountains are His (make mountains with arms above head)

The valleys are His (make valleys with arms at waist)

The stars are His handiwork too – oo – oo (Hold hands above head and make "stars" with fingers)

(Repeat Chorus)

**Praise Him, Praise Him**

Praise Him, praise Him,  
All you little children,  
God is love, God is love.  
Praise Him, praise Him,  
All you little children,  
God is love, God is love.

Add optional verses:

Love Him...

Know Him...

Serve Him...

Crown Him...

**2.Bible Story:** (You can simplify the lesson below or read just the story of the woman at the well from the "God's Story for Me Bible" – Pages 314 - 319)

**Jesus said, "But a new time is coming. In fact, it is already here. True worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth. They are the kind of worshipers the Father is looking for. God is spirit. His worshipers must worship him in the Spirit and in truth." – John 4:23-24**

To say that we must worship God "in spirit" means that our praise for Him must come from within, from the heart; it must be sincere and motivated by our love for God and our thankfulness for all He is and all He has done.

So, let's learn about a special way that Jesus taught this lesson to a Samaritan woman when Jesus was seeking a real worshiper...

Jesus, as the Son of God, is fully God and fully man. He has the authority of God to accomplish all His Father's purposes. John 4 tells us about a time when Jesus left Judea and headed for Galilee. But, since Jesus and His disciples were Jewish, He picked a strange way to go on this journey. Let's look at that journey and see the two different routes He and His disciples could choose to take. (Point to the locations on a Bible map, if you have one, while you talk.)

Jesus led His disciples to travel through Samaria even though Jews did not go through Samaria. Jews didn't like Samaritans because they were half-Jewish and were considered to be lower-class people. They had taken other religions and mixed them with the Jewish way of worshipping. This bothered the Jewish people so much that they would travel a long way around the area and add many extra miles to their journey just to avoid the Samaritan people and their land. Jesus wanted to go to Samaria to show that God loves all people. We are all the same to Jesus. He came to save the whole world. We are all sinners, but Jesus loves us and will forgive everyone who repents and comes to Him.

When Jesus and His disciples got to the village of Sychar in Samaria, Jesus was tired, so He sat by a well to rest. His disciples went on into the village to find food. Remember that Jesus is God, the Creator of the world who had come to earth to rescue us and save us from our sins - but He had put on the body of a man. Jesus is fully God and fully man. When we are tired, or hungry, or thirsty – He knows just how we feel. Jesus stopped to rest, but He had a special purpose for sitting beside this well.

It was around noon and a woman came to the well to draw water. She was a woman who was looked down upon by the people of the town. Most of the women came to the well much earlier in the day and they came with their friends. This woman came alone. When Jesus saw her, He asked her for a drink of water. This was especially important to her. She knew that Jewish people didn't like Samaritans. She responded, "You are a Jew. I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" She said this because Jews didn't have anything to do with Samaritans. Jesus' answer to her was so amazing! Jesus did what He always does and went straight to what was important...thinking about our spirits, the part of us that will live forever. He knew everything about her life, and He knew what she needed in her life, so he answered, "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." He told the woman about a different kind of water – living water. He was talking about Himself.

The Bible often uses water as an example to teach us something important. Water refreshes the body. You can go for many days without food, but you can only last for a few days without water. Your body is made up of mostly water and needs a steady supply of it. Since we need water to survive, Jesus was using what people knew about water as a starting point for His conversation.

The Samaritan woman was very curious at the thought of this living water. She wanted some. She didn't understand that Jesus was talking about spiritual water. Jesus knew her heart and He knew about the mistakes she was making in her life. If she was going to have His living water, she had to fix the wrong things in her heart. Jesus knew everything about her. We can't hide anything from Jesus. She could receive living water from Jesus, but she had to deal with all the things she was doing wrong in her life first. Jesus loved her enough to tell her the truth about her life. We can't hide from Jesus – He knows all about us.

The woman knew that Jesus was someone extraordinary. She called Him a prophet, but we know that He is much more than a prophet. He is our Messiah – our Savior. The woman asked Jesus where people are supposed to worship, but Jesus told her that where we worship is not important. To really worship God, we all need to go down to the deepest places in our hearts and be open and honest before God. We need to show Him our purest love and thankfulness for all He has done.

There was something so honest and amazing about Jesus that the woman finally began to wonder if He could be the promised Messiah. Then Jesus boldly proclaimed, "The

one you're talking about is the one speaking to you. I am He." She suddenly knew that she was face to face with Jesus – the Messiah! The disciples came back to Jesus with food and there He was talking to a Samaritan woman.

The woman left her water pot, so she could move quickly, and ran into the village to tell others about Jesus. The people came to hear Jesus for themselves and they were filled with the living water. Jesus stayed there for two days and He and His disciples led many of them to salvation. Because the woman ran to tell others, many came to Jesus and were saved. Jesus still expects us to go and tell others about Him. Because we love Jesus, we want others to know about Him and be saved too.

Now how can the living water of Jesus bubble up inside of you? How can you worship Him in Spirit and in Truth? You can invite Him to be a part of everything you do. You can spend time reading the Bible and praying. You can tell others about Jesus and how much He loves them. You can be a part of what God is doing around you. You can simply ask Him to be the Lord of your life now and become the kind of worshiper the Father is looking for.

### **3. Bible Application - Craft:**

Paper Bag Maracas



**How to Make the Paper Bag Maracas: The children can use these to praise the Lord. (They are easy to make but can be loud. 😊)**

1. Decorate the bottom third of a paper lunch bag with markers, crayons, paint, or colored pencils, and add decorative tape or stickers.
2. Unfold the decorated paper bag and place another paper bag inside the decorated paper bag to give the maraca strength.

3. Place a tablespoon of rice, unpopped popcorn, or anything else you would like to use in the inside bag. (Try different things in each bag and compare the sounds the bags make.) **For preschool, please keep a careful watch on the children during this part. Children can quickly pop a small object in their mouth, nose, or ears. You can also just do this part for them.**

4. To finish, gather up the sides of the paper bags smoothing them out as you crinkle them up. Spread out the tops of the bags and blow into them to puff out the bottom of the bags. When you have a good shape twist the bottom of the bags to make the handle of the maraca. Use colorful tape such as duct tape to decorate the handle and to keep it from unwinding.

**4. Memory Verse:** Have the children say the memory verse one more time – “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in Spirit and in truth.” – John 4:24

**Pass It Along:** Have kids sit or stand in a circle. Give them a soft object to pass around the circle. When kids get the object, they say the next word of the memory verse with you.

**5. Closing Prayer:** Lead the children in a closing prayer. Encourage your child/children to also say their own individual prayers about any additional concerns they have.

