

Small Group Lesson, K – 1 Grade, Week Four May 24 & 25

Main Point

My life's example will show Jesus.

Scripture

Memory Verse

A friend loves at all times.

—Proverbs 17:17a

Bible Lesson

Jesus shows a Samaritan woman genuine love by telling her the truth without condemning her.

—John 4:5-30

Overview

Jesus and His disciples traveled through the area of Samaria. Jesus rested at a well while His disciples went to get food. Jesus asked a woman at the well for a drink of water. The woman is surprised Jesus, a Jew, is talking to her. Jesus tells this woman about the “Living Water” He gives, and she asks Him for it. Jesus tells her He is the Messiah, and also tells her about her past failures. But the woman goes into town and tells the people she has met Jesus and the people go to see Him.

Classroom Discussion Questions:

1. Who did Jesus meet at the well? (*A Samaritan woman.*)
2. When the woman said that she had no husband what did Jesus say?
How many husbands did she have? (*Five.*)
3. How do you think the woman felt when Jesus said that? (*Embarrassed and ashamed.*)
4. How do you feel when you have to admit your mistakes? (*Bad, sorry.*)
5. How should we treat someone who has done something bad? (*Be understanding; try to help them like Jesus would.*)

Group Discussion:

Materials: CD of instrumental piano music, CD player.

(Play the CD softly.) Kids, this is a true story. Johnny was a little different than the other kids because he had a speech problem. Sometimes when he talked the words came out wrong. The other kids would laugh at him. It finally got to the point that he was afraid to say anything. Since he didn't say much, people began to call him stupid. His teachers never said anything, and no one stood up for him or would be his friend. Johnny was a very gifted piano player. He would hide behind his music and would never talk to anyone. He eventually met a man who saw Johnny's talent and spent time with Him. Even though Johnny felt like quitting, he encouraged him and told him that God had a purpose for his life.

Johnny received Jesus and today is considered to be one of the best piano players and singers in the world. His name is Johnny Cash. A man became his friend and showed him the love of God.

(Have everyone stand in a circle, hold hands and close their eyes.) Kids, maybe you have felt like Johnny. Maybe you have felt like you're no good and you're stupid. Well God believes in you and there are some other kids here today that do, too.

Raise your hand if you've felt that way. *(Have kids raise their hands.)* Now, kids that aren't raising their hands, I would like us to encourage these others just like Jesus would. No one here will make fun of you. *(Have the kids who raised their hands stand in the middle and have the others gather and pray for the kids by laying their hands gently on the kids' shoulders. Pray an encouraging prayer.)* When we encourage others who are hurting, we are letting *our life's example show Jesus.*

Craft: God Is My Director

Materials: "Director's Clapboard" handout from *Take-Home Challenges* CD-ROM, heavy card stock, glue sticks, paper brads, small hole punch, scissors.

Preparation: Print or photocopy the "Director's Clapboard" handout, one per child. Make a sample clapboard.

Aren't movies fun to go to? A lot of work goes into making a movie. It often takes hundreds of people to make it happen. One of the most important people needed to make a movie is the director. The director is the person that tells the actors what he wants them to do.

(Hold up sample clapboard.)

Directors use these to direct the movie saying, "Action!" to begin a scene and "Cut!" to end it. We are going to make our own clapboards. *(Provide prepared pieces of heavy card stock, "Director's Clapboard" handout, and supplies. Show kids how to cut out the two pieces of the handout and glue them to the cardstock pieces. Help kids punch holes in the hinge area and attach the top part of the clapper to the larger clapboard using a paper brad.)*

Our clapboards are a little different. We aren't making movies with them; rather, we are using these to remind us that *our life's example shows Jesus.* Let's finish them: God is our Director. *(Write "God" on the clapboard.)* His Word tells us how to act. And the Location is all of our life. *(Write "My life will show Jesus.")* The Date is every day of our lives. *(Write "All the days of my life.")*

Let's practice using our clapboards. When I say "Action!" clap your boards together and say our Main Point. *(Tell kids they will use their clapboards in the Jesus Factor activity.)*

Additional Bible Connection:

We can be an example of God's love **everywhere** we go, and our Heavenly Father asks us to do this in His Word, which reads:

Let your light shine before all men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

—Matthew 5:16

Materials: "Director's Clapboards" made in the Small Group Activity, "Situations" handout from *Take-Home Challenges* CD-ROM.

Preparation: Print the "Situations" handout from *Take-Home Challenges* CD-ROM and cut apart the three cards from the first column, Ages 6-7 cards.

(Have kids form three groups. Give each group one of the situation cards. Hold up your sample clapboard as you explain the activity.)

When directors make movies, they often have to do scenes over and over to get them right. You've probably heard the words "Take one!" or "Take two!" These describe the number of times it takes to get the scene right.

Let's practice situations using our clapboards. In your group, you have a situation on your card.

Choose one person to be the director. (*Demonstrate using the clapboard.*) The director will say "Take one!" (*Lift clapper.*) "Action!" (*Close clapper.*) Then you can act out the scene on the card. When you're done acting, the director says "Cut!" After you act out a scene, trade cards with another group and act out the new scene. (*Repeat with the third scene if time permits. Encourage kids to be honest. If the kids act out the scene in a negative way, have the directors repeat the scene [saying "Take two!"]*).

Point out to kids that acting out scenes is like practicing for real life. When they mess up in real life, Jesus' forgiveness is available.) Practicing these situations helps us see how *our life's example will show Jesus.*

Materials: Lesson 8 Ages 6-7 Take-Home Challenge from *Take-Home Challenges* CD-ROM.

Hand out this week's Take-Home Challenge and encourage kids to complete the activities with their families. Remind kids that you'll ask them for responses during next week's K.I.D.S. Church service.