

POINT ➡ WE ACCEPT GOD'S FORGIVENESS.

Open your Bible to John 4, and show kids the words. SAY: **God's special book, the Bible, tells us that Jesus once traveled on a long journey. Follow my hands to do a finger play as you listen.**

A well is a big hole in the ground that water comes out of. Everybody make a well with your hand. Make a circle with one hand by connecting your thumb to your fingertips. **Jesus walked on a long journey.** Use two fingers from your other hand as legs walking toward the "well." **He became tired, so he sat down by the well.** Place the two "legs" as if sitting on the well. **A Samaritan woman came to the well to fill a jar of water.** Continue to form the well with one hand, but hold up the other hand's index finger. Bounce it in a path toward the well.

Jesus and the woman talked to each other. Use both hands as mouths and make them open and close. **The woman had a lot of questions about God.** Hold your

hands palms up as if shrugging. **She wanted to know how she could live forever with God.** Hold up your index finger, and then reach all the way up with it. **She wanted to know how to worship God.** Clap your hands.

Jesus knew a lot about the woman. Point to your head. **He knew about some bad things she'd done.** Tap one index finger with the other. **But Jesus said anyone could worship him.** Clap your hands. **The woman was so happy she met Jesus.** Wave your hands like jazz hands. **She went to tell everyone about him, and to tell them that ➡ WE ACCEPT GOD'S FORGIVENESS.** Hold one hand up with the fingers separated to be a crowd of people. Use the other hand as a talking mouth. Then place your hands on your heart.

ASK: **What questions do you have about living forever with God?**

What do you want God to forgive you for this week?

SAY: **God knows everything about you, and he'll forgive you for all the things you named. ➡ WE ACCEPT GOD'S FORGIVENESS.**





Guess It!

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SAY: Jesus knew a lot about the woman at the well, even though he'd never met her before. Let's see if we can figure out some things about the kids in our group.

Have one child at a time stand up. Have the rest of the group try to guess the answer to one of the following questions about that person. After each question, have another child stand for the group to answer a different question. Repeat the process until all the children have stood up. See how many questions kids can get right on the first try.

- **What is this person's favorite food?**
- **How many brothers and sisters does this person have?**
- **What kinds of pets does this person have?**
- **What month is this person's birthday in?**
- **What is this person's favorite toy?**

After everyone has had a turn,

ASK: What made it easy or hard to guess the right answers?

What are some things you think Jesus knows about you?

SAY: We don't know everything about each other. But Jesus knows everything about us, just as he knew everything about the woman at the well. He even knows the bad things we've done. But he loves us and wants to forgive us, so ➡ **WE ACCEPT GOD'S FORGIVENESS.**

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SAY: After the woman met Jesus, she told as many people as she could about him. Let's practice telling a lot of people about Jesus by playing a game of Backward Tag.

Choose one child to be the Teller. Have the rest of the children stand still. **SAY:** The Teller is going to tag you and say, "Jesus forgives you!" When you get tagged and hear about Jesus, link arms with the Teller and the others who've been tagged, and join them in telling others about Jesus. Let's see how quickly we can tell the whole group about Jesus.

Play the game a few times, letting several kids take turns as the Teller.

ASK: What are some things you learned today that you could tell someone about Jesus?

How can we help each other tell others about Jesus?

SAY: ➡ **WE ACCEPT GOD'S FORGIVENESS.** Accepting Jesus' forgiveness is an exciting thing! We can tell others that Jesus wants to forgive them, too. We can share the news just like the woman did after she met Jesus at the well.

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SAY: ➡ **WE ACCEPT GOD'S FORGIVENESS.** Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that God would forgive the bad things she'd done. He told her she could worship God. She was so excited! She ran back to tell others about Jesus. Let's sing a song to remind us of what happened.

Play ● "Bingo" (instrumental) (track 10) on the **CD**. Have children sing the words below to the tune. Lead kids in doing the motions together as they sing.

SING:

Jesus told the woman at the well

That she could live forever. (*put hands over your heart, and then extend your arms out as if offering someone a gift*)

J-E-S-U-S, (*clap with each letter*)

J-E-S-U-S, (*clap with each letter*)

J-E-S-U-S. (*clap with each letter*)

Then she ran to tell others. (*run in place*)
(Repeat 3x.)

ASK: What's exciting about being friends with Jesus?

What's one thing Jesus has done for you that you want others to know?

SAY: ➡ **WE ACCEPT GOD'S FORGIVENESS.** God wants everyone to know about his forgiveness. Let's tell others like the woman did.

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Give each child a lump of *Rainbow Clay*. Assign each child one of the following items to sculpt, helping as needed. It's okay if the sculptures look rough.

- Jesus
- a well
- a woman
- a bucket
- a jar
- the people the woman told about Jesus (as many as needed so each child has something to sculpt)

SAY: Let's remember the woman who met Jesus by seeing what it might have looked like when she met him and told others about it. Encourage the kids to retell the passage as a group, acting it out with their sculptures. Ask guiding questions as needed to help children remember.

When the children are done playing with their sculptures,

ASK: What was your favorite part of what we learned from the Bible today?

SAY: ➡ WE ACCEPT GOD'S FORGIVENESS, just as the woman did. Think of something you want God to forgive you for.

PRAY: God, thank you that you forgive us the way you forgave the woman at the well. We're sorry we sometimes do bad things. We love you. In Jesus' name, amen.