

P R E S C H O O L

Activities for Parents
and Preschoolers

My Sunday Pictures[®]



Wesley

September — November 2010

Unit Overview

The lessons in this unit teach your child how important each one of us is to Jesus, and how much He loves us. Your child will learn the following stories:

- Jesus talks with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:4-26).
- Jesus heals blind Bartimaeus (Luke 18:35-43; Mark 10:46-52).
- Zacchaeus is important to Jesus despite his wrong actions (Luke 19:1-10).
- Jesus calls Matthew to be His disciple (Matt. 9:9-13).

Family Time

Decorate a plate at a paint-your-own-pottery place. Decide beforehand what you will paint and who gets to paint each part. Add the words, “You are important to Jesus and to us” on your plate. Use the plate on birthdays and special occasions.

UNIT THEME:

We Are Important to Jesus

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:

He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7

Bible Time

Many older adults, especially those who don't have family living close by, can feel unimportant. Brighten their day and visit them. You may need to prepare your preschooler, especially if grandparents don't live close.

Thank God that we are important to Him. Ask Him to show you ways to show others that they are important to Him.

Action Rhyme

Use this action rhyme to help your child learn this unit's Bible Memory Verse. The memory verse is in bold.

He cares for you.

(Point to your child.)

He knows you by name.

(Point to someone else.)

He listens when you pray.

(Fold hands.)

He cares for you.

(Point to your child.)

He's your special friend.

(Hug self.)

Follow Him every day.

(Walk in place.)

Family Faith Steps



Every four or five weeks your child will bring home a *My Sunday Pictures* card just for you. On it will be information to use throughout the unit. You may wish to start a file of these cards in a box or envelope.

Your child will also get a weekly card with the Bible story for you to read together and activities to do.

Wesleyan Publishing House, P.O. Box 50434 Indianapolis, IN 46250; 13300 Olio Road, Fishers, IN 46037. © 2010. May not be reproduced without permission. All rights reserved. Printed in South Korea. All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise stated, are from THE HOLY BIBLE, NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984 by International Bible Society. Used by permission of Zondervan Publishing House. All rights reserved. Illustrator: Constanza Basaluzzo



Jesus Talks with a Woman at a Well

This story is based on John 4:4-26.

Jesus was sitting by a well. He stopped there to rest because He was tired and thirsty.

There was water in the well. But Jesus didn't have a jar to get the water out.

Soon a woman who had a jar walked up to the well. Jesus said to the woman, "I'm thirsty. Will you give Me a drink of water?"

The woman didn't know what to say. She did know that she and Jesus were from two

different countries. The people from those two places were not friends. They didn't even talk to each other.

So the woman asked, "Why are You asking *me* for a drink?"

Jesus said, "I know all about you and what you need. God has a gift for you. I come so that you can have it."

The woman was happy. She was glad that Jesus had talked to her. She ran to tell others about Jesus.

Family Time



Use these activities throughout the week to review the Bible lesson as a whole family or individually with your child.

Little Chefs

Stack cheese cubes in a circle to make a well. Take turns eating the “well” brick by brick while saying one thing Jesus knows about us.

Creative Corner

Make a book with one page for each of your child’s family members and friends. Try to include a photo if possible. On each person’s page, write what you know about that person such as birthday, favorite color, favorite food, etc. Talk about what you know about people in the book and that Jesus knows all about who we are.

Sweet Dreams

Rest time can be lonely. Play soft music to comfort your child, or record yourself reading Bible stories.

Bible Time

Use these Bible activities during family devotions or special Bible times you have with your preschooler.

In God’s Book

Let your child make a well from play dough. Retell the story of Jesus and the woman at the well using plastic people.

Let’s Pray

Encourage your child to pray whenever he feels alone. Jesus knows who we are and everything about us—including how we feel!

LESSON FOCUS:

Jesus knows who we are.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:

He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7

