

**Objective:** Help your kids know that they must look to Jesus to meet their deepest needs and tell others He saves.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** This lesson from the life of Christ shows how the promised Messiah cared for and sought to save all people no matter their ethnicity or social status.

**Bible Basics:** Memorize the names and order of the first four books of the New Testament this week and work with family members to do so as well.

## Read the Word: John 4:1-42

### Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about the difference between needs and desires, and how Jesus is the only one who can meet our deepest spiritual needs.



#### **Key Truth: All People Matter to Jesus (John 4:1-9)**

Show your kids how Jesus stepped outside of all societal expectations: He asked the woman for a drink. This was extremely surprising because Jews had as little to do with Samaritans as possible, especially with something as personal as drinking from a Samaritan's cup. Jesus knew the woman's need and the need of the entire village. He stepped out of His cultural comfort zone to bring God's message to people who, at least at first, would barely listen to Him.



#### **Key Truth: Our Deepest Needs are Spiritual (John 4:10-26)**

Show your kids how these verses reveal a woman whose interests were for this life only. Jesus worked patiently with her to move her attention from physical water to living water, from religious smokescreen disputes to understanding He is the Savior.



#### **Key Truth: Share Jesus With Others (John 4:27-42)**

Point out that Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well shows us that God offers salvation and forgiveness to anyone who believes and trusts in Him, no matter their background. The woman went back to town, urging everyone to come hear this man who knew all about her past (verses 28-29).

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What are some of our deepest needs as human beings?
- Why are spiritual needs even more important than physical needs?
- What does the account of the Samaritan woman teach us about God's willingness to meet all people's needs, no matter their ethnic, financial, or social status?
- What did the Samaritan woman have to admit about her life before she was ready to receive the eternal life Jesus offered?
- What happened as a result of the Samaritan woman sharing her experience with Jesus with others?
- **For Elementary:** Why was the Samaritan woman surprised Jesus spoke to her?
- **For Elementary:** What can we learn about who we are to share the good news with?

Show your kids that Jesus said true worshipers worship the Father in spirit and in truth (verse 23). Worshiping in spirit seems to involve worshiping with sincerity and with our whole being instead of going through the outward motions of worship. Worshiping in truth involves worshiping according to correct doctrine, the revealed truth of God in His Word.

## Everyday Extras

**FaceTime with grandparents** or other loved ones to tell them some good news (good grade at school, big win for a sports team, or even a new restaurant everyone agrees on). Talk together about how you enjoy sharing good news. The woman at the well shared the good news about the Living Water with all of the people in her town. Can your family share good news about Jesus too? Maybe you can make some invitation cards to pass out in your neighborhood to ask others to come to church with you or tune in to a podcast. Your teens can share the article in Velocity and Forward devotional magazines with you about the Woman at the Well. Talk about it together.

## Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned about one of Jesus' miracles. A miracle is something only Jesus can do. Many people had been listening to Jesus and they began to get hungry. Jesus fed over 5000 people with just two fish and five loaves of bread. He took care of the needs of the people and He takes care of us. **Jesus Is Amazing.**

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **November 8, 2020** Family Theme | **Jesus Works Miracles**  
Study Text | **John 6:1-14; Matthew 14:13-21**

**Objective:** Help your kids understand that Jesus has the power to do whatever is needed to meet needs and accomplish God's will.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** This lesson is set during the life of Christ on earth and examines how He demonstrated His miraculous power and met needs, fulfilling Old Testament prophecy about Him.

**Bible Basics:** Review John 1:1-2 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

**Read the Word:** John 6:1-14; Matthew 14:13-21

## Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about how Jesus' mighty power to work miracles affirmed that He is the Son of God.



### **Key Truth: Know That Jesus Cares (Matthew 14:13-14; John 6:1-5)**

Show your kids that Jesus' response to the crowd demonstrates a very important truth for us to remember. God loves and has compassion for all people and desires that their physical and spiritual needs be met.



### **Key Truth: Take Problems to Jesus (Matthew 14:15-16; John 6:6-7)**

The problem was evident to all. They were in an isolated place; there were thousands to feed; and it was already past mealtime. The disciples suggested that Jesus send the multitude away to find food wherever they could (Matthew 14:15). Jesus, however, told the disciples to give them something to eat (Matthew 14:16).



### **Key Truth: Trust Jesus' Miraculous Power (Matthew 14:17-21; John 6:8-14)**

As a result of Jesus' power and provision, each of the 5,000 plus people was fully satisfied. Discuss with your kids how Jesus' ability to miraculously supply food for the huge crowd demonstrates that He is the Sovereign Lord of All. He is able to do whatever is needed to accomplish God's will.

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Jesus and the disciples were trying to get away for some rest. How did Jesus' response to the crowd demonstrate His deep compassion for all people?
- What has Jesus done that demonstrates his love and compassion for you?
- How does this miracle demonstrate Jesus' ability to solve problems and meet needs?
- What are some of the needs people have today?
- How can we help meet people's needs today?
- **For Elementary:** What are some ways God shows you He cares about your needs?
- **For Elementary:** How can we help meet people's needs today?

Encourage your kids to look up and read about one of Jesus' miracles each day this week. They can find a list of His miracles on FORWARD and FUSION Teaching Essential 10-3.

## Everyday Extras

**Take your children** to the grocery store, hardware store, or office supply store and challenge them to find 5000 of something there (nails, toothpicks, paperclips, etc.). Go by your local football stadium or a large auditorium in your city, and estimate how many people it could hold. Help your children understand that 5000 men (plus women and children!) were a lot of people to fix dinner for! Jesus could work miracles and could provide more than enough for them.

## Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned about a time when the disciples were in a boat without Jesus. The disciples saw someone walking toward them on the water, and it was Jesus. The disciples, especially Peter, were reminded once again just how amazing Jesus is. I know **Jesus Is Amazing** too.

**Objective:** Help your kids know that we have eternal life through faith in Christ who has power over death. Therefore we worship Him and proclaim Him as conqueror of death.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** This lesson continues our study of the life, actions, and teachings of Jesus, God's Son, the Messiah whom God had promised in the Old Testament.

**Bible Basics:** Review the names and order of the first four books of the New Testament this week and work with family members to do so as well.

## Read the Word: John 11:1-44

## Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about how Jesus raised Lazarus (and others) from the dead and has promised us eternal life if we trust in Him.



### **Key Truth: Trust Jesus' Timing (John 11:1-16)**

Show your kids how Jesus, when He got word that Lazarus was ill, stayed where He was two days longer rather than leaving immediately to be with him. Jesus' deliberate delay would serve to heighten the impact of the miracle He would work.



### **Key Truth: Trust Jesus for Resurrection and Life (John 11:17-29)**

Show your kids how Christ wanted Martha to understand that He could do more than just heal. He wanted her to realize that He was the Son of God, and that resurrection and eternal life are in and through Him. Everyone who believes in Him will rise from the dead and have eternal life.



### **Key Truth: Trust Jesus' Compassion and Power (John 11:30-44)**

Point out that this chapter makes it abundantly clear that Jesus cared deeply about the brokenness and pain that sin has brought into the world. He raised Lazarus from the dead so the people would see God's glory and believe that God had sent Him as the promised Messiah, the Son of God who could give them eternal life. His power over death and the grave demonstrates that Jesus Christ is the sovereign Lord of all.

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- How do we see Jesus' compassion in the account of His raising Lazarus from the dead?
- How do we see Jesus' power in this account?
- How can we trust in Christ's compassion when He seems to be delaying while we go through difficulty or pain?
- How does it make you feel to know that Jesus has the compassion and the power to give you eternal life?
- How can you show compassion this week for someone who needs it?
- **For Elementary:** How did Jesus show He cared to Mary and Martha?
- **For Elementary:** How can knowing Jesus sees the bigger picture help you when going through a tough time?

## Everyday Extras

Talk with your children about death and funerals. Talk about the comfort people have in remembering loved ones and sharing their sorrow with others. Jesus attended the funeral of His friend, Lazarus, but it was different from any other funeral!

With your family, act out the story of the resurrection of Lazarus and rejoice that we know a Savior who is more powerful than death!

**Go over the I Am statements of Jesus with your kids:**

*"I am the bread of life" (John 6:35, 48).*

*"I am the light of the world" (John 8:12).*

*"I am the door" (John 10:7, 9).*

*"I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11, 14).*

*"I am the resurrection, and the life" (John 11:25).*

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).*

*"I am the vine" (John 15:1, 5).*

## Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child heard about a time when Jesus had fallen asleep in a boat with the disciples and a great storm blew up. The disciples were afraid and woke Him. The disciples were amazed when Jesus calmed the storm and the seas with just His words. **Jesus Is Amazing.** Even the wind and the waves obey Him.

**Objective:** Help your kids learn to trust God when trials and difficulties come their way.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** Job is the first of what some call the five books of Wisdom or Poetry literature in the Old Testament (Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon). Scholars believe Job lived after the Flood but shortly before the time of Abraham, even though the Book of Job could have been written much later.

**Bible Basics:** Work with your family to memorize Proverbs 3:5 this week.

**Read the Word:** Job 1:1 – 2:3

## Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your kids about the fact that trials and difficulties will come our way. Yet we can trust God in those tough times knowing He will work things out for His glory and our good.



### **Key Truth: Walk With God Before Trials Come (Job 1:1-5)**

Show your kids how verse 1 tells us that Job's faith produced two specific actions: He feared God and shunned evil. Although not perfect, he sought to live in respectful obedience to what he knew God wanted from people. Job was known for his righteous behavior. Even before the instruction of Deuteronomy 6:5-7, Job took the spiritual leadership of his family seriously, demonstrating how parents are to impress God's ways on their children.



### **Key Truth: Know Your Enemy (Job 1:6-19)**

Help your kids understand that this interaction between angels, God, and Satan demonstrates that there is a spiritual realm and a spiritual warfare that affects us in this world. Discuss with them how we have an enemy (Satan) who seeks to bring us down and destroy us, but that Satan is no match for our God and has no authority beyond what God allows him.



### **Key Truth: Trust God No Matter What (Job 1:20 – 2:3)**

Show your kids that from the book of Job we can learn that we may never see the whole picture and know why certain things happen. Much of our problem comes from looking only at the tiny part of human reality that we can see. We remain ignorant of God's higher ways. In Christ, however, we have a response: God is not indifferent to our sufferings. He too has suffered, through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ. Christ suffered on our behalf. God is good, not unloving. Nor is God powerless against ultimate evil. Christ rose from the dead, and so shall we! For contemporary examples of how God can work through tragedy, check out [www.wherewasgod.com](http://www.wherewasgod.com)

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What kinds of events or situations would cause you to feel like life was falling apart?
- How can trusting God day in and day out help us trust Him when life falls apart?
- How can we stay on guard, understanding we are in a spiritual warfare?
- Why might God allow us to be attacked and suffer through difficult times? How might He cause this to work out for good?
- How can we respond to trials and difficulty in a way that brings glory to God?
- **For Elementary:** How can trusting God day in and day out help us trust Him when life falls apart?
- **For Elementary:** How can the five truths you learned help you when going through difficult times?

## Everyday Extras

**Job had friends** who came to share his grief when so many bad things happened to him. Sometimes they were quiet and sat with him to share his suffering. Other times, they gave him advice. It wasn't always good advice! Think of some scenarios for your children. Have them respond with either good advice or bad advice, and let the other people in the family vote on what kind of advice it was. We need to be careful to avoid bad advice from friends and make good decisions on what we listen to. We know that Jesus is the best Friend of all and we can always trust Him.

## Preschool Highlights for &

Today your child learned about a man named Job who loved God and obeyed him in all that he did. One day Job learned all of his children had died and all his animals and servants were gone. Then he got really bad sores all over his body. Even on his worst days, Job knew God was still with him. **God Is With Us All the Time** too.

# D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **November 29, 2020** Family Theme | **Why Does God Allow Suffering?**  
Study Text | **Genesis 1:31; Philippians 2:5-8; Romans 5:3-5; Job 2:11-13; Hebrews 4:15**

**Objective:** Encourage your kids to trust God and allow Him to grow their faith through suffering.

**How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible:** This lesson surveys Scriptures from both the Old and the New Testaments to examine the theme of suffering, of which Job was a prime example, refuting the false notion that the righteous do not experience trouble.

**Bible Basics:** Review Proverbs 3:5 this week and work with family members to do so as well.

**Read the Word:** Genesis 1:31; Philippians 2:5-8; Romans 5:3-5; Job 2:11-13; Hebrews 4:15

## Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about how we will face trials and difficult times, but that God will be with us and will use the trials to help us grow in our faith.



### **Key Truth: Place Blame Where It Really Belongs (Genesis 1:31)**

Show your kids that God is not to blame for the evil and suffering people endure in our world. Everything was good when God first created it. Pain and suffering did not enter the world until Satan tempted Eve and Adam and they gave in and sinned. The blame for pain and suffering belongs at the feet of our enemy who wants to destroy us, and at our own feet because of our sin. It was sin that brought death, destruction, and suffering into the world.



### **Key Truth: Know That Jesus Understands Our Suffering (Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 4:15)**

God's great love for us caused Him to experience suffering firsthand. Philippians 2:5-8 tells us that Jesus took the form of a servant and obeyed, even to the injustice of the cross. Hebrews 4:15 tells us we now have a high priest who has gone through what we have gone through. He can empathize with our pain. Jesus can identify with the pain and suffering of the entire world.



### **Key Truth: Let God Shape Us Through Suffering (Romans 5:3-5)**

Paul and James taught us that trials and suffering test and grow our faith, helping us to become spiritually mature followers of Christ (James 1:2-4). Indeed, we can take joy in the fact that God will use trials and suffering to make us more like Christ.



### **Key Truth: Comfort Others Who Are Suffering (Job 2:11-13)**

In Job 2:11-13 we see a great initial response from Job's friends. They came to Job with open hearts. They cried out with him and wept. They sat with him for a whole week without speaking, all because they recognized the suffering of a friend.

# Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- What is the ultimate cause of suffering?
- How should we respond when we are suffering?
- How should we respond to the suffering of others?
- How might God use suffering to bring about good in our lives?
- Whom could you serve and comfort in their suffering?
- **For Elementary:** How can God use suffering for our good?
- **For Elementary:** What are ways you can help someone who is going through a hard time?

## Everyday Extras

**Make a box** of things we won't need in Heaven: Tylenol or other medicine, Kleenex, a thermometer, bandages, flashlight, money, and other things. See if your children can guess what all of those things have in common. Read Revelation 21:4 together and rejoice together to know that one day, all suffering will be over. Even in times of pain and trouble, we can trust God to take care of us.

## Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned three of Job's friends sat and comforted him. Then Job talked to God about the bad things that had happened to him. After they talked, God healed Job. God also blessed him with twice as much as he had before. Job loved God and knew He was with him. I can remember **God Is With Us All the Time.**