

**LESSON PASSAGE:** John 4:1-26 (Woman at the Well)

**SUMMARY:** Have you ever been thirsty? I mean really, really thirsty? This week we're looking at a lady who was very thirsty...but it was a different kind of thirst. It was a spiritual thirst. She was missing God's love and forgiveness in her life. She had tried to quench her thirst through relationships and earthly things. But you can't quench a spiritual thirst that way. Then she met Jesus...at a well of all places. She discovered that He was the only one who could quench her spiritual thirst and give her eternal life. This week we want kids to discover that Jesus is the only one who can quench the spiritual thirst of their soul. We want them to meet Jesus and find His love and forgiveness just as the lady at the well did many years ago.

### LESSON SUPPLIES:

#### Pre-Service

- Games and activities set out

#### Stage Game Items: *Wacky Water Relay Race*

- 4 baby pools
- 4 clear containers (2 empty; 2 filled with water – may want to put blue food coloring in water so fill line is more visible to audience)
- 4 - 8 oz. plastic cups
- Crate or block in each pool so audience can see containers
- According to floor surface, canvas
- Tarp to catch spills between pools and prevent slipping
- 2 pair of "wacky" goggles
- Yard stick
- Towels (as needed)

#### Lesson Supplies:

- Bible
- Saltine cracker pack (1 for each kid)  
*(Note: Have gluten free crackers available for kids with allergies)*
- 8 oz. water bottled (1 for each kid)
- Camel water jar (clear jar containing water colored light brown with cocoa, protein powder, etc., and with gummy bugs, gummy spiders, etc.)

- Small container of smelly water for each table (you can use sulfur water or add something into the water that will make it smell)
- Laser pointer
- Starting Point sign-up sheets

#### Prayer Reflection: *Doodle Activity*

- White piece of paper for each kid
- Crayons, colored pencils, etc. for each group
- Empty chair at each group or up front

#### Group Game: *Ping Pong Water Toss* (1 set per group)

- 1 bucket with water
- 3 ping pong balls
- Paper towels

#### Activity: *Water Bottle Wrap*

- 3"x4" label (1 per kid)
- 8-oz water bottle from lesson (1 per kid)
- Packaging tape (clear, heavy 2" tape - 2 per group)
- Kid-friendly scissors (2 per group to cut tape)

#### Parent Pick-up/Connect:

- Starting Point promo postcards
- Starting Point contact sheets

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## LESSON 1: The Quench It Ticket

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**Lesson Series:** The Ticket  
**Key Truth:** The Bible is clear to say Jesus is the only way. (Salvation)  
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### Misc:

- Idea: Build large ticket prop for stage
- Large gold ticket that says "Golden Ticket Award"

### Take Home Pieces:

- Take home paper

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### PRE-SERVICE ACTIVITIES (25 MIN)

Age-appropriate video on screen

- Games and activities sheets
- Video games

### VIDEO COUNTDOWN (5 MIN)

Use a fun water countdown with fast, energetic music

- Start 5 minutes before service begins
- Gather all kids to groups / all kids should be in groups when the countdown is over

transition slide with fun background music

### HOST/CO-HOST VIDEO (3 MIN)

Play Host/Co-Host pool video

After video go to “The Ticket” transition slide with fun background music

### ICEBREAKER IN GROUPS (3 MIN)

Continue fun background music through icebreaker

**HOST:** Hey kids! We’re so glad you’re here today. Are you ready to have some fun?  
(*Get kids excited about the service.*)

Switch to the icebreaker question slide

**HOST:** We love you and want to get to know you better. We’d like you to answer this question in your group: **“What is your favorite place to swim and why?”** (*waterpark, pool, beach, river, etc.*) Keep your answers short so everyone has an opportunity to share.

Attention grabber - video of party horn blow and falling into water

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The Ticket transition slide after video

### WORSHIP SONG (4 MIN)

- *Invite kids to front of stage area to worship; get them excited about worshipping.*

**WL:** Hey kids, we're excited to worship with you today. Let's all stand and move to the front of the room as we begin worshipping. Our theme song for the month is "One Way". Every time we sing this song, let's remember that **The Bible is clear to say Jesus is the only way.**

One Way by Gateway Next (suggested song)

The Ticket transition slide after worship song with fun background music continuing until end of Key Verse time

### KEY VERSE (5 MIN)

**HOST:** Hey everybody, we have an awesome verse from the Bible that we're going to memorize this month. It's found in John 14:6. One way we're going to remember it is by making up some cool motions for the words.

Key Verse slide - "Jesus told him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through Me." – John 14:6 (NLT)

**HOST:** Watch me do it the first time.

Jesus told him, *(make nail prints in hands motion)*

...I am the way, *(holding your arms straight in front of you, palms facing parallel to each other)*

...the truth, *(opening your hands, like holding a Bible)*

...and the life *(extending arms out to your side, like a cross).*

...No one *(turning head NO)*

...can come to the Father *(scoop arms down and take them all the way up, with your head looking up)*

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...except through Me.” (*scoop arms back down and then pointing up again*)

...John 14:6 (*opening your hands like a book*)

**HOST:** Okay...now follow along with me.

Jesus told him, (*make nail prints in hands motion*)

...I am the way, (*holding your arms straight in front of you, palms facing parallel to each other*)

...the truth, (*opening your hands, like holding a Bible*)

...and the life (*extending arms out to your side, like a cross*).

...No one (*turning head NO*)

...can come to the Father (*scoop arms down and take them all the way up, with your head looking up*)

...except through Me.” (*scoop arms back down and then pointing up again*)

...John 14:6 (*opening your hands like a book*)

**HOST:** Great Job! Let’s do it one more time.

Jesus told him, (*make nail prints in hands motion*)

...I am the way, (*holding your arms straight in front of you, palms facing parallel to each other*)

...the truth, (*opening your hands, like holding a Bible*)

...and the life (*extending arms out to your side, like a cross*).

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...John 14:6 (*opening your hands like a book*)

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The Ticket transition slide with background music

**HOST:** That was awesome, everybody! Jesus loves hearing us memorize His Words. Our Key Truth this month is based on that verse. Ask me what our key truth is for this month.

*(Have kids say "What's our key truth for this month?")*

**HOST:** I'm glad you asked! Here it is. It's...

Key Truth slide with icon and background music. Music will play until next transition.

**HOST: The Bible is clear to say Jesus is the only way.** Kids, there is only one way to have a relationship with God and have eternal life...it's through Jesus.

**HOST:** Let's say it together.

*(Have kids say it 3-4 times – mix it up and have fun, examples – have girls say one time and the boys the next, point to one table at a time to say the next word, etc.)*

**HOST:** You guys rock!!! Now I've got a question. Is there anyone here who wants to play a game???

*(Get kids excited and cheering.)*

### GAME TIME: WACKY WATER RELAY (5 MIN)

Game Time slide comes up with fast background music. Music continues until the next music is indicated.

**HOST:** *(get kids pumped and excited)* Since we're going to be talking about water today, this means someone is probably going to get a little wet!!! Is it going to be you???

**HOST:** Group leaders, I want you to send one person from your group to the front...but make sure they are willing to get wet!!! 'Cause we're about to play "Wacky Water Relay!!!"

*(If needed, you can choose two or more people from each table to have enough kids to play the game.)*

Wacky Water Relay slide - same music continues

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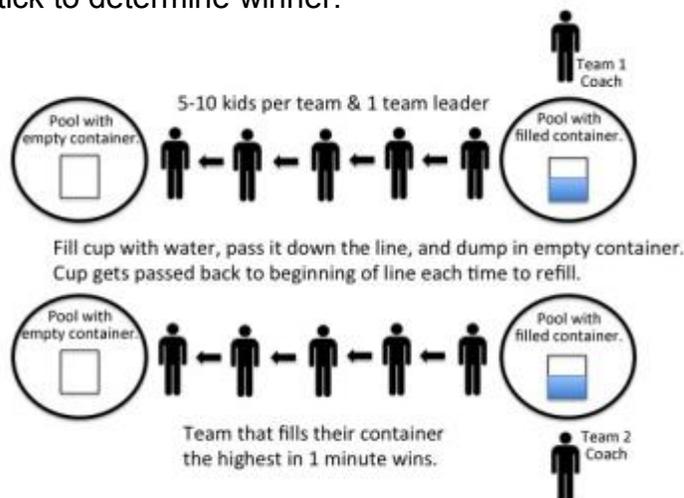
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### What to Prepare:

- Set up the stage with 4 baby pools.
- Place 1 clear container inside each pool, 2 full of water (*add blue food coloring*) and 2 empty.
- In the two containers filled with water, place an 8-oz plastic cup.
- Set the empty containers up on blocks so the audience can see them.
- According to floor surface, you may consider laying down a canvas tarp to catch spills between pools and prevent slipping.
- 2 pair of “wacky” goggles. These are for the team coaches.
- Yard stick to measure water level.

### What to Do: (See diagram below.)

- Each group leader sends one kid from their group to participate in the game. (*May need to send more than one depending on number of groups in the room.*)
- Make two teams with equal numbers of kids. (*5-10 kids per team.*)
- Select two group leaders to serve as team coaches. (*Must wear wacky goggles.*)
- Have the kids line up between the two pools assigned to their team.
- Teams will have 1 minute to transfer as much water from the filled container to the empty bucket as possible.
- Team Coach will fill up the cup and hand it to the first kid in line.
- Every kid on the team must touch the cup as it is passed up and down the line.
- After the time expires, the team who has transferred the most water to the empty bucket wins.
- Bring the containers they poured the water into up to the front center of the stage so everyone can see them clearly.
- Use yardstick to determine winner.



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- *Host starts the game and pumps up the audience to cheer for a team.*

1-minute Game Timer with fast, loud music

**HOST:** Wow! That was ... wet!!! Let's give a big cheer for both of our teams.

The Ticket transition slide with medium speed background music

**HOST:** Today we're going to learn about a woman who had to travel to get her water out of a well. When she arrived at the well, she met Jesus and discovered that He was the Ticket to a relationship with God and eternal life.

**HOST:** We're also going to discover today that, **The Bible is clear to say Jesus is the only way.**

Key Truth Slide – music continues

**HOST and Kids:** Say that with me! **The Bible is clear to say Jesus is the only way.**

**HOST:** Great job! Now let's praise Jesus, who is the only way.

Background music ends

### WORSHIP (4 MIN)

- *Have kids remain in their groups for the next two songs.*

**WL:** We're so excited to lead you in this next song called "Alive". Jesus is alive in us wherever we go. He's for us and loves us so much. Let's show Him how much we love Him by singing this song with our whole heart.

Song "Alive" - Young and Free (suggested song)

### OFFERING SET UP & WORSHIP SONG (5 MIN)

Offering Slide - "God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7b

**WL:** Let's say this verse together. (*Read 2 Corinthians 9:7b from screen.*) Did you know that when you give your offering with a smile, it makes God smile? As we sing this next song, if you have an offering, you can place it in the bucket with a smile.

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Offering Song “Search My Heart” (suggested song)

*(Pass offering buckets around during this time.)*

*(Have kids be seated after the song ends.)*

Quench It Ticket bumper video

“The Ticket” transition slide

### LESSON: QUENCH IT TICKET (20 MIN)

**TEACHER:** This month we’re discovering that Jesus is the only way to Heaven. Let’s say our Key Truth together again. It rhymes, so it will be easy for you to remember. I’ll say the first part and then you finish the rhyme. Here we go...

Key Truth Slide – Show the first part of rhyme and then bring second part of rhyme in each time as it is said.

**TEACHER:** “The Bible is clear to say....”

**Kids:** “Jesus is the only way.”

**TEACHER:** Great job! Let’s try it again. “The Bible is clear to say....”

**KIDS:** “Jesus is the only way.”

**TEACHER:** You guys are awesome! I don’t know if I can keep up with you! Do you want to put me to the test???

*(Get kids excited and yelling.)*

**TEACHER:** Okay. Let’s reverse it. You say the first part and I’ll see if I can finish it.

Key Truth Slide – Show the first part of rhyme and then bring second part of rhyme in each time as it is said.

**KIDS:** “The Bible is clear to say....”

**TEACHER:** “Jesus is the only way.” Wow! I did it! Let’s see if I can do it again. Try me again.

**KIDS:** “The Bible is clear to say....”

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**TEACHER:** “Jesus is the only way.” And now let’s say it one more time together...

**TEACHER and KIDS:** “The Bible is clear to say Jesus is the only way.” One more time!!!

*(Repeat.)*

**TEACHER:** Way to go. Turn to the person beside you and give them a high-five.

*(Give kids 10 seconds to do this.)*

**TEACHER:** Now give the person on your other side a high-five.

*(Give kids 10 seconds to do this.)*

**Attention grabber - video of party horn blow and falling into water**

**The Ticket transition slide**

**TEACHER:** What you just declared is true. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Let’s look again at the verse you are memorizing this month.

**Key Verse Slide**

**TEACHER:** Let’s have someone come up, read it out loud, and make the motions for it. While he/she is reading it from the front, I want all of you to follow him/her and read it out loud at your table. You can make the motions as well.

*(Invite a kid to come up front and lead everyone in reading the Key Verse and doing the motions.)*

**The Ticket transition slide**

**TEACHER:** God’s Word is clear to say Jesus is the only way. He’s the only ticket to a personal relationship with God. And just like you need a ticket to get in a ballgame or a concert or Disneyworld...you need Jesus to have eternal life.

**TEACHER:** Today we’re going to look at a lady who met Jesus and discovered that He is the ticket to eternal life.

**TEACHER:** *(Hold up the Bible.)* This is the Bible. It is God’s Word and it’s completely true. One of the books in the Bible is called the book of John. Guess whom God used to write the book of John?

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*(Let kids respond.)*

**TEACHER:** God used a man named John to write the book of John. That makes sense, doesn't it? John wrote John. Look at your group leader and say, "John wrote John!"

*(Let kids respond.)*

**TEACHER:** So, in John 4, he tells us a true story about a lady who met Jesus. Let's see what happened.

### Picture of kid who is very thirsty

**TEACHER:** First of all, the story has to do with being thirsty. How many of you ever been very, very, very, very, very, very, very thirsty? If you have, at your table hold your throat and make a noise like you are thirsty. I'm not sure what that sounds like...so everyone can make up your own noise. Everyone do it at the same time. Go for it.

- *Give kids 15 seconds to make their noise – if you hear any funny noises you can make it fun by having them stand up and make the noise for everyone.*

### Attention grabber - video of party horn blow and falling into water

### The Ticket transition slide

**TEACHER:** Sounds like everyone has had a time when they were very, very, very, very thirsty! Maybe you were outside playing and it was hot, or maybe you were at sports practice and you were running a lot, or maybe you were in the car with your parents on a long trip.

**TEACHER:** In your group, everyone tell your group leader about a time you were thirsty. And then your group leader is going to tell you about a time, when as a kid, he or she was very thirsty.

- *Allow 2-3 minutes for discussion.*

### Attention grabber - video of party horn blow and falling into water

### "The Ticket" transition slide

**TEACHER:** It's not fun being thirsty, is it? You know what? Let's see what it feels like right now. Your group leader is going to give you a couple of crackers to eat. I'd like you to eat it as quickly as possible.

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- Give kids 1 minute to eat crackers. (Provide gluten free to kids with allergies)

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**TEACHER:** Anyone starting to get thirsty? I am. Wow...I need some water! You see, when we get thirsty, we need water to drink. Who wants a bottled-water? (*Let kids respond.*)

**TEACHER:** Okay, we're going to pass the water out...but, before we pass it out, there's one big rule: You're not allowed to drink it! It must set on the table in front of you and not be opened ... keep your hands off!

- Pass out the bottled water.

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**TEACHER:** So, here's this lady who is thirsty and needs water...kinda' like us right now. And in Bible times, when you were thirsty, you couldn't just go to the gas station or grocery store and get bottled water like you have in front of you.

Picture of a well

**TEACHER:** Back then you had to go to a well. I'm sure you know what a well is. It's a hole dug in the ground that has water in it. People would normally bring a bucket or other container to put the water in. Lots of people came to the well.

**TEACHER:** Some people even brought their camels to the well to get water. Who's seen a camel before, either live or in person? (*Have kids raise hands.*)

Picture of camel

**TEACHER:** Camels can go a long time without water. In fact, a camel can go up to two weeks without water. But even a camel, after that many days, gets very thirsty.

**TEACHER:** So people would bring them to the well, pour some water in a bucket or pan and let them drink away. I can imagine a camel's water bucket was gross after it started drinking. Camels slobber...a lot!

**TEACHER:** And they have dirt on them from walking in the desert. And some flies and bugs and may have even fallen off them and down into the water while they were

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drinking it. I bet their water bucket kinda' looked like this after they stuck their mouth in it.

- *Hold up clear jar with water in it.*
- *Water should be light brown and gross looking.*
- *Put something in the water ahead of time that makes it look dirty. It should still be drinkable so use something like cocoa, protein powder, etc.*
- *Put a couple of gummy bugs or spiders in the water as well.*

**TEACHER:** Eeeewwww...that looks pretty gross, doesn't it??? And I bet it smelled too! How many of you want to smell some camel water???

- *Bring a small container of water to each table that is like the water on stage. Put something in it that smells. Do not let the kids drink or taste it. Take it back after the kids have smelled it.*

Attention grabber - video of party horn blow and falling into water

The Ticket transition slide

**TEACHER:** Wow! That is some nasty stuff! Kids, I wonder if a group leader would be willing to drink this camel water? Who thinks their leader is brave enough?

- *Get kids excited and cheering for their group leader to come up and drink it. Pick one group leader to come up and drink some of the "camel water". Arrange this with the group leader ahead of time so they are prepared.*

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**TEACHER:** Okay, so back to the story. This lady needed some water. So, she grabbed her water bucket and headed to a well in Samaria where she lived. When she got there, she started lowering the bucket down into the well to get water. As she was doing this, she looked up and guess who walked up? (*Let kids respond.*)

Picture of woman at the well with Jesus

**TEACHER:** Yep. It was Jesus. Jesus knew this lady was thirsty so He went out of His way to come and see her. Check out this map.

Show map of Samaria

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- *Point out the indicated spots and draw the path Jesus took with a laser pointer.*

**TEACHER:** As I said, the lady lived in Samaria. Jesus was coming from Judea and was headed to Galilee. Now normally, the Jewish people would not go through Samaria. They hated the Samaritans and went around Samaria. They wanted nothing to do with them.

### Picture of woman at the well with Jesus

**TEACHER:** But not Jesus. Since He was God's Son, He knew this lady had a special kind of thirst. It was more than a thirst from being hot and needing a drink. She had a thirst or a desire to find out what was missing in her life.

**TEACHER:** Do you know what was missing from her life? It was God. She didn't know about God's love and forgiveness. So He went to the well because he knew she would be there.

**TEACHER:** And...this lady had a secret. You want to know what the secret was?

*(Let kids respond.)*

**TEACHER:** Okay! Group leaders ... send one person from your table up and I am going to whisper the secret to him or her. Then he or she can go back to the group and whisper to your group what the secret is.

- *Have one kid from each group come up and whisper this secret in their ear. "She had been married 5 times and the person she was living with at the time wasn't even her husband."*

### Attention grabber - video of party horn blow and falling into water

### The Ticket transition slide

**TEACHER:** You see, since this lady didn't know God, she had tried to quench the thirst in her heart with earthly things. But you can't quench an eternal thirst with earthly things. Your eternal thirst can only be quenched by Jesus.

### John 4:13-14 on screen

**TEACHER:** Listen to what Jesus told her in verses 13-14. **Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again."**

### Picture of woman at the well with Jesus

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**TEACHER:** He was saying, “I am the eternal water that you are missing. You are looking for my love and forgiveness. Jesus was saying if you accept me as your Leader, Forgiver, and Friend, I will come into your life, forgive your sins, and quench the eternal thirst you are feeling inside.”

**TEACHER:** And so...right then and there...she opened her heart up to Jesus. He forgave her sins and became her Leader, Forgiver, and Friend. Isn't that awesome!!! She found what she had been looking for all her life.

**TEACHER:** Okay, how many of you are thirsty from the crackers you ate? Go ahead and open your water bottle and take a drink.

- *Give kids a minute to take a drink. **Make sure they don't damage or throw away their water bottles. They'll be using them later for an activity.***

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**TEACHER:** How many of you feel better now? The water took your thirst away, didn't it. Let me ask you another question. How many of you know you will be thirsty again sometime soon? *(Let kids respond.)*

**TEACHER:** Of course, water can't satisfy your thirst forever, can it? It's the same way with “stuff.”

Picture of bike or skateboard

**TEACHER:** You get a brand-new bike or skateboard. At first, it's fun, fun, fun!!! You ride it all the time. But eventually you outgrow it or it gets broken or you want a new one.

Picture of a cell phone or other mobile device

**TEACHER:** Or maybe you get a new cell phone or computer or music device. It's so cool...until you see the newest version and realize yours is now outdated and not “cool” anymore.

Picture of tennis shoes

**TEACHER:** Or you get a new pair of tennis shoes. They look so good. They are the coolest new brand, they have no dirt stains, and everyone says you look great in them.

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**TEACHER:** And then it happens...you get a huge dirt stain on them or you step in dog poop or someone steps on your shoes...and it won't come out. And then they get more and more stains and eventually a new style comes out and you begin to want the "latest and greatest" new tennis shoes.

**TEACHER:** You see, as I said before, only Jesus can satisfy the eternal thirst you have inside and give you eternal life. He is what you are looking for. Listen to what He tells her in vs.14.

**John 4:14 on screen**

**TEACHER:** "But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

**TEACHER:** Jesus can do that because...

**Key Truth Slide**

**TEACHER:** "The Bible is clear to say..."

**KIDS:** "Jesus is the only way."

**"The Ticket" transition slide with soft, reflective background music**

**TEACHER:** That day...she received the Ticket to a personal relationship with God and eternal life. Who is the only ticket?

**KIDS:** Jesus!

**TEACHER:** I'd like everyone to bow your heads and close your eyes. Please keep your head bowed. This is a very special time.

**TEACHER:** I want to ask you two questions. First, how many of you have ALREADY asked Jesus to come into your life and be your Leader, Forgiver, and Friend? He has already quenched the eternal thirst you had inside and given you eternal life. Raise your hands.

- *Give kids time to raise their hands.*

**TEACHER:** That's wonderful. If you raised your hand, then you don't need to raise it again. Once you invite Jesus into your life, He is there forever. Your sins have been forgiven and He will never leave you. You only have to invite Him into your life one time.

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**TEACHER:** Here's the second question. How many of you have NEVER asked Jesus to come into your life and be your Leader, Forgiver, and Friend? Inside you feel the eternal thirst to know Jesus and follow Him. If that's you, raise your hand so we can pray for you.

- *Give kids time to raise their hands.*

**TEACHER:** If you have your hand raised, I want you to turn to your group leader and let him or her know. We are going to invite you and your parents to a class called Starting Point. In this class, we'll explain more about what it means to follow Jesus. Everyone else remain quietly at your seat with your head bowed.

- *Group leaders will write down the names of kids who have their hand raised.*

**TEACHER:** If you said you want to attend Starting Point, when your parents come to pick you up, we'll talk with your parents and tell them more about the decision you want to make. You can look up now.

**TEACHER:** So that's the true story of a woman who met Jesus at a well... and discovered He is the ticket to a personal relationship with God and eternal life...she found out that ... *(Pause)*...

### Key Truth Slide

**TEACHER:** "The Bible is clear to say..."

**KIDS:** "Jesus is the only way."

### PRAYER & REFLECTION: DOODLE ACTIVITY (10 MIN)

"Prayer...talking and listening to God" slide with soft, reflective background music continues through activity.

#### Items Needed

- White piece of paper for each kid
- Crayons, colored pencils, etc. for each group
- Invite cards
- 1 empty chair at group or on stage

**TEACHER:** Each of you will receive a piece of paper and some crayons, colored pencils, etc. For the next few minutes, I'd like you to only talk to God. I'd like you to

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focus on connecting with Him. He wants you to talk to Him and He wants to talk to you inside your heart.

**TEACHER:** On your piece of paper, I'd like you to draw or doodle a picture that represents something you want to talk with God about. It might be something you heard in the lesson today...or it might be something you want to praise Him for...or it might be something you want to ask Him for...or it might just be telling Him how much you love Him.

**TEACHER:** You'll have 3 minutes to draw or doodle your picture. I'll let you know when the time is up.

- *Give the kids 3 minutes to draw and doodle.*

**TEACHER:** Now I'd like you to bow your head, and close your eyes, and spend 1 minute talking to God about what you put on your paper. I'll let you know when the time is up.

- *Give the kids 1 minute to reflect/pray.*

**TEACHER:** Now, I'd like you to just sit there for a minute and listen...listen in your heart to God talking to you. You will hear His voice if you listen quietly. Keep your head bowed and your eyes closed so you can focus on Him.

- *Give the kids 1 minute to listen to God.*
- *Now instruct the group leaders to take prayer requests from the kids. Keep the requests short and one per kid.*
- *Give groups 2 minutes for prayer requests.*

**TEACHER:** The empty chair at your table (*or on stage*) represents our friends who don't know Jesus. Who has a friend who doesn't go to church? (*Allow kids to raise hands.*)

**TEACHER:** If you'd like to pray for your friend and invite them to church, let your group leader know now and he/she will give you an invite card. You can use this card to remember to pray for your friend and invite them to church this week.

- *Group leaders will give each kid who raises their hand an invite card. Instruct group leaders to close in prayer remembering the requests and praying for friends who don't know Jesus.*
- *They will have 1 minute.*

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### GROUP GAME: PING PONG WATER TOSS (5 MIN)

Game Time slide comes up with fast background music. Music continues until the next music is indicated.

**HOST:** Today we've been talking about how **The Bible is clear to say Jesus is the only way**. In this game, there is only one way to win!

- *Explain game. Group leaders will facilitate the game at their table.*

#### What to Prepare:

- Bucket ½ filled with water (1 per group)
- 3 Ping-Pong balls
- Paper towels

#### What to Do:

- Group leaders place the bucket in the middle of the group and pour the water into the bucket.
- Each kid will get three chances to bounce the ball off the table/floor and into the water bucket.
- The ball should bounce once on the table/floor, and then land in the water bucket.
- Group leaders will keep track of how many balls correctly go in their groups bucket.
- The group who gets the most balls in their bucket wins.

5-minute timer with game time background music

Attention grabber - video of party horn blow and falling into water

The Ticket transition slide with medium speed background music

**HOST:** Wow! That was fun to watch! Let's see which group got the most balls in their bucket.

- *Ask each group how many balls they got in. Announce and celebrate the winning group.*

**HOST:** This game reminded me that the woman in the lesson today visited a well for a bucket of water, but ended up discovering Jesus. We are often thirsty and drink water, just like the woman at the well.

**HOST:** However, there are times when we have a thirst that water can't help. And just like the woman at the well discovered, Jesus is the only way to satisfy our spiritual thirst.

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**HOST:** Your Group leader will be talking more about that in your next activity.

### ACTIVITY TIME: WATER BOTTLE WRAP (10 MIN)

The Ticket transition slide and medium speed background music

- *Group leaders will facilitate this activity. Watch screens for timing. FAC will walk around and help as needed.*

**What to Prepare:** (*Divide supplies into group sets.*)

- Half-sheet of white card stock paper (1 per kid)
- Water Bottle from lesson (1 per kid)
- Packaging tape (clear, heavy tape 2" wide; 2 per group)
- Kid-friendly scissors (2 per group to cut tape)

**What You Do:**

- Have kids write the Key Truth on their labels: **The Bible is clear to say Jesus is the only way.**
- Then have the kids write or draw one thing on their label they learned from the lesson. It should be something they want to share with their parent(s).
- Give the kids time to write and “decorate” their water bottle labels.
- Once they have completed their labels, have kids wrap and tape them around their bottle.

Attention grabber - video of party horn blow and falling into water

### KIDTALK (5 MIN)

KidTalk slide with medium speed background music

**HOST:** Hey kids...now it's your turn to share what you wrote or drew on your bottle with a friend in your group. You and your friend will have 1 minute each to share. Your group leaders will help you with this.

- Have kids pair up and share what they wrote and/or illustrated on their water bottle label.
- Each kid will have 1 minute to share.
- After kids have shared, group leaders will close out this activity as follows.

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**GROUP LEADER:** Every time we look at our water bottles, we can be reminded that Jesus is the only Ticket to a personal relationship with God and eternal life. I want to challenge you to put the bottle somewhere in your room this week where you will see it and be reminded that **The Bible is clear to say Jesus is the only way!**

**HOST:** Say it with me one more time. **The Bible is clear to say Jesus is the only way.**

Attention grabber - video of party horn blow and falling into water

### ANNOUNCEMENTS (30 SEC)

announcement Slide with fun background music (as needed)

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- *take home page*

### GOLDEN TICKET AWARD (1 MIN)

Golden Ticket Award slide with award-type background music

**HOST:** And now...the moment we've all been waiting for! Everyone's done an awesome job today listening, singing, talking, playing and having fun, but **ONLY ONE TEAM** can walk away with the Golden Ticket Award this week. And the winner is .... I need a drum roll please.

- *Have every one do a drum roll to build excitement*
- *Announce the winning group*
- *Have entire group come up together and receive award with their leader*
- *They get to "keep" it for the week. (Group leader will return award to Host after kids have left that day)*

**HOST:** We've discovered a lot today about how Jesus is the only way. Now we want to hear what you've personally discovered. Your group leader is going to discuss some questions with you.

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### GROUP REVIEW QUESTIONS (AS TIME ALLOWS)

“The Ticket” transition slide with medium speed background music

- *Group Leaders will discuss these questions with their group as time allows.*

#### (Grades 1-3):

1. What did God teach you today?
2. What did God talk to you about today?
3. Who can say this month's Key Truth?
4. Even though the woman went to the well for water, what did she really need?
5. Who can say this month's Key Verse?

#### (Grade 4-5):

1. What did God teach you today?
2. What did God talk to you about today?
3. Even though the woman went to the well for water, what did she really need?
4. Will stuff, like video games, skateboards and new shoes quench/satisfy the thirst we have for God? Why or why not?
5. Who can say this month's Key Verse?

### PARENT PICK-UP/CONNECT

**HOST:** Hey kids, we're so glad you came today! We've had a blast hanging out with you. This week remember...say it with me... The Bible is clear to say ...

**KIDS:** ...Jesus is the only way.

**HOST:** Thanks for coming and remember to stay at your seat until your parent picks you up at your group.

Slide that reads: “Parents - ask your kid what the water bottle means!” with medium speed background music

- Talk with parents of kids who raised their hand for Starting Point and sign them
- Group leaders will connect briefly with each parent.
  - ❖ Thank for coming
  - ❖ Invite the kid back next week to their table
  - ❖ Give each child a take home paper and encourage to use
  - ❖ Remind parents to ask their kid what the water bottle means
- Please remain at table until your last kid is picked up.