



2011 Season of Prayer for State Missions Children's Sermon by Stacy Nall

Have you had a good week? Tell us something good that has happened to you. (Allow for volunteers to share.) I have some great news, too! (Pause and wait for responses.) Would you like to know my great news? (Whisper “*Jesus really loves you!*” in one child’s ear.) Would you like to know what I said? I told (her/him) that Jesus really loves you! That’s not something I should keep to myself, is it? I want to tell you a story about a woman Jesus met. She didn’t whisper her good news. In fact, she told her whole town the good news she heard from Jesus!

(Open your Bible to John 4 and tell the story.) Listen and I will tell you the story.

One day, Jesus and his disciples were traveling through a place called Samaria. It was very hot and dry. Jesus was thirsty and tired. He sat down by a well. Do you know what a well is? (Explain if necessary.) Soon a woman from Samaria came to the well to fill her water jar. Jesus asked the woman for a drink. The woman asked, “Why are you, a Jewish man, asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” Jesus told her that He could give her living water. The woman didn’t understand what Jesus meant. Jesus explained to the woman that He was the person who would save people from their sins and that everyone who believes in Jesus will have life forever. The woman got so excited that she ran into the town and told everyone that she had met the Savior! Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because of what the woman had told them.

(Pray, asking God to help us share what we know about Jesus with everyone we meet.)

Let’s practice sharing what we know about Jesus. Turn to your neighbor and tell him or her some good news about Jesus. Now go back to your seats (if children are in corporate worship) and tell someone the good news about Jesus.