

WEEK 2: MEETING JESUS CHRIST
DAY 1: THE DISCIPLES MET JESUS
John 1:35-51

1. Last week we learned that Jesus is the Son of God. This week we will see what happens when people meet Him.

Name three witnesses in John 5, besides John the Baptist, which show who Jesus is.

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- (2) _____
- (3) _____

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2. The three witnesses in John 5 are: The works of Jesus, God the Father, and the Old Testament.

The gospel of John tells us about five disciples who met Jesus. John tells us that three of these men believed in Jesus when they believed He was the Messiah. These three men were (1) Andrew, (2) Philip, and (3) Nathanael.

Take your Bible now. Read John 1:35 to 51 and keep your Bible open.

You remember that the gospel of John was written for two reasons. Remind yourself of these reasons by saying John 20:31.

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3. This book was written so that we may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through our faith in Him we may have life. After today's lesson you will be able to name three disciples of Jesus. These disciples said that Jesus was the Messiah when they first met him.

Look in your Bible. How many disciples met Jesus in John 1:35 to 51? _____

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4. Did you find all five of them? Let us see who they were. Two of these men had been disciples of John the Baptist. One was Andrew. The name of the other is not given. But many people believe the other disciple was John. This is the John who wrote the gospel of John. The other three disciples were Peter, Philip and Nathanael.

John 1:42:

Then he (Andrew) took Simon (Peter) to Jesus.

John 1:45:

Philip found Nathanael and told him (about Jesus).

Both Andrew and Philip brought other people to Jesus. Does this please the Lord?

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5. God is pleased when we bring more people to Jesus. "Messiah" is a name which means "Christ or Anointed One." God had promised His people that He would send someone to save them. This man would bring salvation to the world. The disciple who brought Peter to Jesus believed that Jesus was the Messiah.

John 1:40-41:

One of them was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. At once he found his brother Simon and told him, "we have found the Messiah."

Who said to Peter, "We have found the Messiah?" _____

6. Andrew said this. You can think how happy Andrew was. The people of Israel were waiting for the Messiah. They were waiting for someone to come and save them. They were looking for someone to come from God.

Did Andrew believe that Jesus was the Messiah? _____

7. Andrew believed this. So we see that John, Andrew and Peter met Jesus.

John 1:43:

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come with me!"

After Philip met Jesus he hurried to tell Nathanael. Who did Andrew and Philip believe Jesus was?

8. They believed He was the Messiah. Philip told Nathanael about Jesus.

John 1:45:

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and whom the prophets also wrote about.

How did Philip know that the Messiah was coming? _____

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9. Philip knew that Moses and the prophets had written about Him. Remember that the people in Philip's day had the writings of the Old Testament. The Old Testament has much to say about the coming Messiah. Philip told Nathanael that the one they had found was from Nazareth. Nazareth had become a very sinful city.

John 1:46:

"Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael asked.

Who told Nathanael that Jesus was the Messiah? _____

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10. Philip told Nathanael about Jesus. Now let us look again at what Andrew and Philip said right after they met Jesus.

Andrew said in John 1:41:

"We have found the Messiah."

Philip said in John 1:45:

"We have found the one whom Moses wrote about in the book of the Law and whom the prophets also wrote about.

Nathanael asked whether anything good could come from Nazareth. Did Nathanael believe in Jesus just because Philip told him? _____

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11. Nathanael needed to know more about Jesus. So Philip said, "Come and see." When Jesus talked to Nathanael He showed him His power. He showed that He knew all about Nathanael even before He met him. Now Nathanael believed that Jesus was the Messiah.

John 1:49:

"Teacher," answered Nathanael, "you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Nathanael was the third disciple in John 1 who believed Jesus was the Messiah. Who were the first two?

(1) _____ (2) _____

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12. Both Andrew and Philip said that Jesus was the Messiah. He was the one that had been waiting for. He was the one whom the writings said would come. But the third disciple said something more. He said that Jesus was the Son of God!

Who was the third disciple who believed that Jesus was the Messiah?

(1) Andrew (2) Philip (3) _____

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13. Nathanael believed that the Messiah had come. He said to Jesus, "You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Perhaps you have trouble understanding who Jesus is. As we study the book of John you will understand more about Him.

What did Andrew, Philip, and Nathanael believe about Jesus? _____

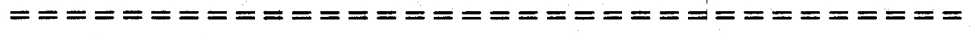
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14. They believed that He was the Messiah. They believed that He had come to save their people.

Many years ago in Malawi the people were in need. They wanted to know how to serve God. Then one of the old men had a dream. In his dream he saw a boat coming across Lake Malawi. When the boat landed, some men got out. They preached to the people about God. In the dream, they told the people how to find God.

The people remembered this dream of one of their elders. Many years later, the missionaries came. The people believed what the missionaries said. One of their own prophets had said that they would come.

Perhaps the elders of your people believed because of some prophecies like this. Talk with an old man whom you know. Ask him to tell you how the first Christians in your tribe believed. Be ready to tell the class what he said.



15. What three disciples believed that Jesus was the Messiah when they first met Him?

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- (2) _____
- (3) _____

WEEK 2: MEETING JESUS CHRIST
DAY 2: NICODEMUS MET JESUS
John 2:13-25. John 3:1-18.

1. We are learning what happens when people meet Jesus.

What three disciples believed that Jesus was the Messiah when they first met Him?

- (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

2. The three disciples were Andrew, Philip, and Nathanael. Today we want to look at the leaders of the Jews who met Jesus. Most of them did not believe in Him. But a few believed. One who came to Jesus ready to listen was Nicodemus. We will learn two things today.

- (1) When Jesus met the traders in the temple, He drove them out.
- (2) Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:16: For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

In your Bible read how Jesus first met the people in the temple. Read John 2:13 to 21. Read verse 14 again. Was Jesus pleased to see people buying and selling in the temple?

3. Jesus was not pleased with this. He even drove them out of the temple. The temple was the place to worship God. It seems strange that Jesus would put people out of God's house.

Read verse 15 again. Why do you think Jesus was troubled about the traders who were in the temple?

4. Be ready to talk about this in class. Jesus wanted people to worship God truly. Those who were selling animals and changing money were not thinking about God. They were only thinking of money.

John 2:16:

and he ordered the men who sold the pigeons, "Take them out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!"

What is God's house for? _____

5. God's house is for worship. It is the place to meet and learn about God. But that is not what the traders were doing. The leaders of the Jews were angry about what Jesus did.

Matthew 21:13:

and (He) said to them, "It is written in the Scriptures that God said, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer.' But you are making it a hideout (or place) for thieves!"

When Jesus met the traders in the temple, what did He do? _____

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6. Jesus drove them out. This made the leaders of the Jews very angry. They asked Jesus for a sign that He had power to do this. Jesus said they would tear down the temple and He would build it up in three days. Jesus was talking about His body. But the leaders did not understand. They did not want to believe in Him.

But one leader wanted to believe. He came to ask Jesus some good questions.

Read about this in John 3:1 to 8. Who came to Jesus one night? _____

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7. One leader named Nicodemus came to Jesus at night. Perhaps this was the only time he could speak to Jesus alone. Nicodemus knew there was something special about Jesus. So he came to meet Him for himself. This is how people really meet the Lord. We meet Him one to one.

In your Bible read verse 1 again. What kind of person was Nicodemus? _____

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8. Nicodemus was a Jewish leader. He was a Pharisee. This meant that he tried to keep very many laws. But he saw that Jesus was sent from God. Jesus told Nicodemus that a man must be born again, or born anew. This is the only way to enter God's kingdom.

In your Bible read verses 5 and 6. Is the new birth physical, or spiritual? _____

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9. Jesus showed Nicodemus that the new birth is spiritual. Nicodemus was surprised that we must be born anew. He asked how this could be. Then Jesus told him how he could have eternal life. This is very important for us to know.

John 3:16:

For God so loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.

Take time now to memorise this verse. Read it and say it until you know it. Then hide the verse! Write it here.

John 3:16: _____

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10. These were wonderful words which Jesus spoke to Nicodemus. We do not know what else Nicodemus said that night. But we read about him two more times in the book of John. The other leaders of the Jews began to hate Jesus very much. They wanted to kill him.

John 7:50-51:

One of the Pharisees there was Nicodemus, the man who had gone to see Jesus before. He said to the others, "According to our Law we cannot condemn a man before hearing him and finding out what he has done."

Do you think Nicodemus was changed after meeting Jesus? _____

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11. Be ready to talk about this in class. I think Nicodemus believed in Jesus. I believe his life was changed. We read about his again after Jesus was crucified.

John 19:39-40:

Nicodemus, who at first had gone to see Jesus at night, went with Joseph, taking with him about one hundred pounds of spices, a mixture of myrrh and aloes. The two men took Jesus' body and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices according to the Jewish custom of preparing a body for burial.

What had Jesus told Nicodemus in John 3:16? Say the verse to yourself.

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12. Look in your Bible to see if you said it right. Jesus told Nicodemus that anyone could believe. God had sent His Son to earth for a purpose. Look at the next verse.

John 3:17:

For God did not send his Son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour.

Think about John 3:16 which you learned. What did Jesus say people must do in order to be saved or have eternal life?

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13. Jesus said we must believe.

John 3:18:

Whoever believes in the Son is not judged; but whoever does not believe has already been judged, because he has not believed in God's only Son.

To believe means to trust, and hold to, and depend on. It means to give ourselves to something or someone.

If we really believe in Jesus, what will we do to Him? _____

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14. We will trust Him, and hold to Him, and depend on Him. We will give ourselves to Him. The one who believes in Jesus will not be judged. Jesus went on to tell Nicodemus why people must be judged.

John 3:19:

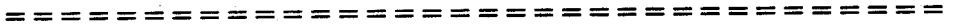
This is how the judgment works: the light has come into the world, but people love the darkness rather than the light, because their deeds are evil.

What can people whose deeds are evil do so they can stand in the light and not be ashamed?

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15. They can believe in Jesus. He will forgive them and give them power to do good deeds. Nicodemus listened to Jesus talk about believing and obeying. Most of the leaders of the Jews did not believe Jesus. They would not listen to Him. They were angry with Him for what He did and said.

Remember what we learned at the beginning of the lesson. When Jesus met the traders in the temple, what did He do? _____

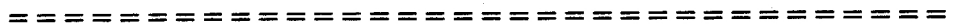
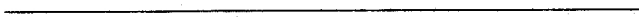


16. Jesus drove the traders out. It is easy for us to forget the right way to worship. Yes, it is good to bring offering and to pray and do good. But we must first believe in God's Son whom He sent to the earth. We must accept His sacrifice for our sin.

Many people today do not believe in Jesus. What do you think keeps them from believing in Him? _____



What can we do to help them believe? _____

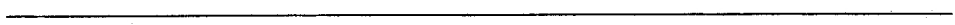
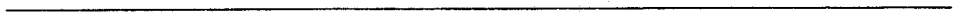


17. Be ready to share your answers in class.

When Jesus met the traders in the temple, what did He do? _____



What did Jesus tell Nicodemus in John 3:16: _____



WEEK 2: MEETING JESUS CHRIST
DAY 3: THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA MET JESUS
John 3:22-30. John 4:1-42

1. We see that meeting Jesus makes people different. If they do not believe in Him, their hearts become hard. They are lost. But if they believe, they are saved.

When Jesus met the traders in the temple, what did He do? _____

What did Jesus tell Nicodemus in John 3:16? Say this verse to yourself.
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2. When Jesus met the traders in the temple, He drove them out. Look in your Bible to see if you said John 3:16 right.

We have already seen how John the Baptist met Jesus. Today let us see what happened to John the Baptist because He believed. We will also see how the woman of Samaria met Jesus.

- (1) When people left John the Baptist and began following Jesus, John said: He must become more important while I become less important.
- (2) In giving the good news to the Samaritan woman, Jesus overcame the people's problems of (1) Tribalism and (2) Male pride.

Take your Bible and read John 3:22 to 30. Read verse 26 again. From this verse, what were Jesus and John doing?

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3. They were both baptising people. John started first. Many people came to him. Now some of them were going to Jesus instead. This troubled the disciples of John. They were afraid that John would not have any more disciples. But look what John said.

John 3:28:

You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.'

Who was this Messiah who was coming? _____

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4. This Messiah was Jesus. We have seen that John was one of the witnesses to Jesus. Now this is what he told his disciples.

John 3:29:

The bridegroom is the one to whom the bride belongs; but the bridegroom's friend, who stands by and listens, is glad when he hears the bridegroom's voice. This is how my own happiness is made complete.

How did John feel now that the Messiah, Jesus, had come? _____

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5. He felt happy. This is not the way most of the leaders felt. Most of them were very jealous. They did not like to see another leader come. They did not believe that He was the Messiah. But this is what John said.

John 3:30:

He must become more important while I become less important.

What did John the Baptist say should happen to Jesus? _____

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6. John said that He must become more important. This teaches us something very good for our lives. When we truly meet Jesus, we are not troubled about how important we are. We are concerned that someone else becomes important. We want people to see Him instead of us.

Who should become more and more important in our lives? _____

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7. Jesus should become more important. When we believe in Him, He becomes our Saviour. He also becomes our Lord. He is the one who rules our lives. He guides us. We do everything to please Him. We are not living to make people look at us. We want everyone to see that Jesus is very great.

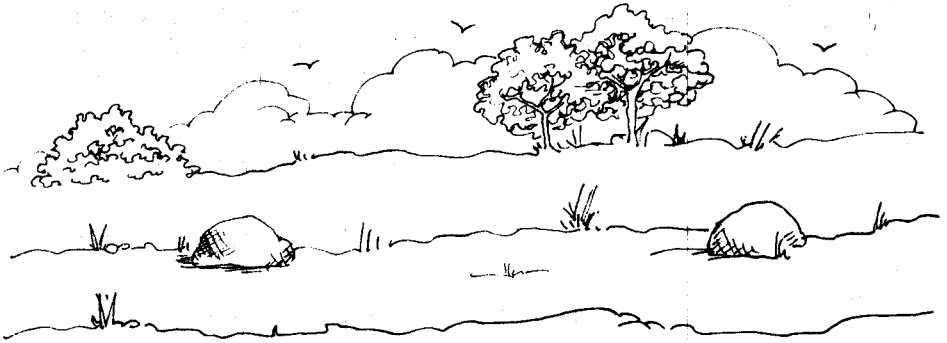
Because he believed in Jesus, what did John the Baptist say when people left him and followed Jesus? _____

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8. He said: He must become more important while I become less important. Jesus began to preach at different places. Then He went through Samaria. Here a woman of a different tribe met Jesus. Sometimes we let the division of tribes hinder God's work. Male pride also hinders. These things are like big rocks in the pathway that make people stumble. But in order to give the good news to the Samaritan woman, Jesus overcame these two problems.

(1) Tribalism

(2) Male pride



In your Bible read John 4:7 to 15. Of what tribe was this woman? _____

Have you ever stumbled over a rock which you did not see in the road? _____

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9. The woman was a Samaritan. People sometimes stumble in their Christian walk. They do not see the dangers. This can harm the work of telling the good news. We see two dangers in today's lesson. But Jesus overcame them. He asked the Samaritan woman for a drink.

John 4:9:

The woman answered, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan--so how can you ask me for a drink?" (Jews will not use the same cups and bowls that Samaritans use.)

How did the Jews separate themselves from the Samaritans? _____

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10. They could not use the same cups and bowls. They thought this would make them unclean. In these verses Jesus was talking with a person of a different tribe. Jesus was a Jew by birth. The woman was a Samaritan. Most of the Jews thought they were better than the Samaritans. They did not want to be with them. This is what we mean by tribalism. It hinders God's work.

How did Jesus show that He did not let tribalism stop him from meeting this woman?

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11. He asked the woman for a drink. The woman was surprised. She was ready to listen to Jesus. Perhaps there are many tribes in your country. Each tribe has its own language and customs. The people may greet each other in different ways. Elders of one tribe may hold meetings in a different way from another tribe. It is not wrong to do such things differently. It is wrong when we hate those people because they are different.

What does tribalism do to the work of telling the good news?_____

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12. Tribalism hinders God's work. It can keep people from hearing the good news. It can even divide people whom Jesus has saved.

I have a friend who visited a church outside his own tribe. My friend's tribe does not have circumcision. But the tribe of the church he visited has circumcision. Because of this difference, my friend was not allowed to speak in the meeting. Sometimes we have this problem and do not know it. God can show us this stumbling stone and help us overcome it.

What did Jesus do with the problem of tribalism?_____

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13. He overcame it. He helped the woman even though she was not a Jew. The woman reminded Jesus that she was not of His tribe. Let us see how Jesus answered her.

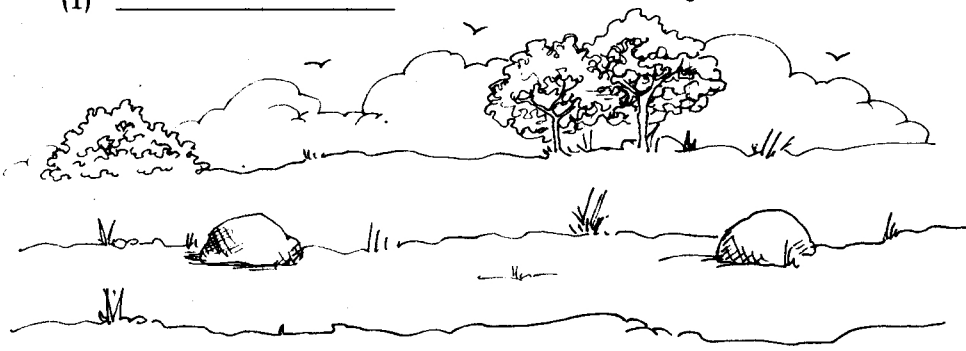
John 4:10:

If you only knew what God gives and who it is that is asking you for a drink, you would ask him, and he would give you life-giving water.

What is the first problem of the people which Jesus overcame in order to give the good news to this woman ?

(1) _____

(2) Male pride



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14. Jesus overcame the problem of tribalism. He also overcame another problem. In the time of Jesus, many men did not respect women. It was a shame for a man to speak to a woman outside the home. It was surprising that Jesus spoke to this woman beside the well. First it was surprising because she was a Samaritan.

What is the second reason why it was surprising for Jesus to speak to this person?

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15. This person was a woman. But this did not stop Jesus from helping her. He respected her. He told her the good news.

Many times our women are not respected as they should be. The men think they are better. We can call this male pride. A person who is proud because he is not a woman has male pride. This hinders God's work. In the old days women were given heavy work which men should have done. They were treated almost as slaves. A husband sometimes beats his wife for a small matter.

Whose life shows us that women should be treated with respect? _____

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16. The life of Jesus shows us how men should treat women. But Jesus' followers sometimes showed tribalism and male pride.

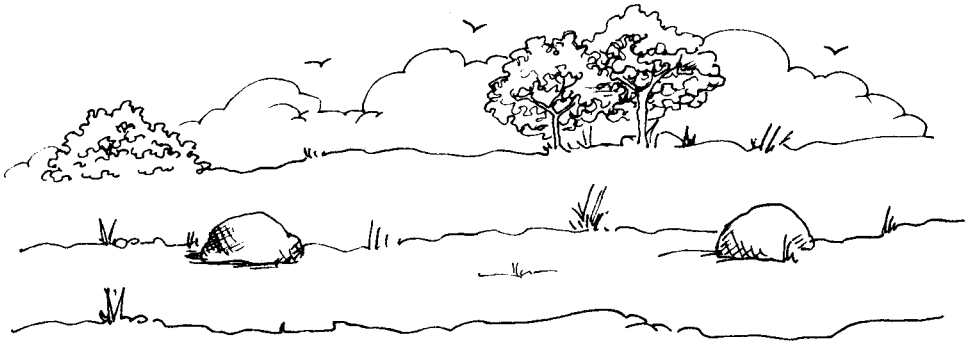
In your Bible read John 4:27. How did the disciple feel when they saw Jesus talking with the woman?

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17. They were surprised. They did not understand. They thought, "Why should Jesus be talking with her. She is only a woman!"

What is the second problem of the people which Jesus overcame in order to give the good news to the Samaritan woman?

(1) Tribalism (2) _____



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18. Jesus overcame tribalism and male pride. There are many things which we can learn from this chapter. Some of these you have studied in other TEE books. Jesus showed respect to the woman. Because of this the woman went and told her people about Jesus. God's work was helped.

John 4:39:

Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me everything I have ever done."

In what ways do you think tribalism hinders God's work? _____

In what ways do you think male pride hinders God's work? _____

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19. Be ready to share your answers in class.

Because he believed in Jesus, what did John the Baptist say when people left him and followed Jesus?

What problem of the people did Jesus overcome in order to give the good news to the Samaritan woman?

(1) _____ (2) _____

WEEK 2: MEETING JESUS CHRIST
DAY 4: THE MAN BY THE POOL MET JESUS
John 4:43-45. John 5:1-18.

1. This week we have been learning of people meeting Jesus. The disciples, Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman were all helped by Him.

Because he believed in Jesus, what did John the Baptist say when people left him and followed Jesus?

What problems of the people did Jesus overcome in order to give the good news to the Samaritan woman?

- (1) _____ (2) _____

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2. John the Baptist said: He must become more important while I become less important. Jesus overcame the problems of tribalism and male pride. Today we will see two more people who met Jesus. They were the official with a sick son, and the man by the pool. These people could not help themselves. No one but Jesus could help them. We will learn:

- (1) The official with a sick son believed Jesus' words.
- (2) Jesus told the man by the pool to stop sinning.
- (3) Jesus can help those whom no one else can help.

In your Bible read John 4:46 to 54. Who met Jesus in these verses? _____

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3. It was the official with a sick son. This man had a good position working for the government. But he could not help his son. How sad he must have been! When I read this I think of my own life. When I was nine years old I became sick with polio. This disease had killed many people. Soon I was unable to move my legs or feet. The doctors told my parents that I could never walk again.

Christians began to pray. Some of them came and laid their hands on me. They asked Jesus to heal me. I was so sick that it was hard for me to breathe. But from that moment I started to get well. Within a few weeks I was running and playing with my friends at home.

In your Bible read verse 49 again. What did the official say to Jesus in this verse?

4. He said: Please come with me before my child dies. The official's child was dying. The official could do nothing.

John 4:50:

Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live!" The man believed Jesus' words and went.

What did the official with a sick son do to Jesus' words? _____

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5. He believed them. The official's life was different because he met Jesus. He did not have to lose his son. Distance does not stop Jesus from helping us. The child was away in another town. Jesus spoke clearly. He told the man to go home. His son would live. The official believed and began his journey home.

John 4:51:

On his way home his servants met him with the news, "Your boy is going to live!"

Have you had an answer to prayer like this? _____

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6. If you said yes, be ready to tell the class about it. Only Jesus was able to keep the child from dying. Because of this healing, the official's whole family believed on Jesus. Then Jesus went back to Jerusalem. Someone else met him there.

In your Bible read John 5:1 to 10. Read verse 5 again. How long had the man by the pool been sick? _____

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7. He had been sick for 38 years. Perhaps you know someone who has been sick for a long time. This man had a very great need. He was lying there by the pool. He could not help himself. And he could not get help from other people.

John 5:6:

Jesus saw him lying there, and he knew that the man had been sick for such a long time, so he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

Who could help this man whom no one else could help? _____

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8. Jesus could help him. Jesus asked the man if he wanted to be healed. Some people really do not want Jesus to help them. They think they can take care of themselves. The man by the pool was not like that. He knew he must have help.

Why do you think God sometimes lets troubles come to people who think they are strong?

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9. Perhaps it is so they will see their need of help. They need the help of other people. They need the help of Jesus.

Other people need our help. But sometimes we do not help them as we should. We do not see their needs. No one cared to help the man by the pool. They only wanted to help themselves.

John 5:7:

The sick man answered, "Sir, I don't have anyone here to put me in the pool when water is stirred up; while I am trying to get in, somebody else gets there first."

What did Jesus do for the man?

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10. He healed him. Jesus will meet the need of those who believe Him. Sometimes He helps us in a different way from what we expect. Perhaps the lame man thought Jesus would help him into the water. This did not happen.

In your Bible read John 5:8. Who can help those whom no one else can help? _____

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11. The one who can meet all our needs is Jesus. But the Jews were angry because Jesus healed on the Sabbath Day. They saw the man carrying his sleeping mat. They told him he must not do that on the sabbath. The man said that the one who healed him told him to do it. They asked who healed him.

John 5:13:

But the man who had been healed did not know who Jesus was, for there was a crowd in that place, and Jesus had slipped away.

Did the man know that the one who healed him was the Son of God?

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12. The man by the pool did not know this. He did not know that Jesus could meet all of his needs. The Jews thought that salvation comes through keeping laws. That is why they tried to make everyone keep the sabbath.

John 5:14:

Afterward, Jesus found him in the Temple and said, "Listen, you are well now; so stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

What problem did this man have in his life besides being sick? _____

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13. This man had sins in his life. He had spiritual needs. Jesus showed him that sometimes problems come because we do not obey God. Jesus not only healed the man by the pool. He forgave his sins. He gave the man eternal life. Then he told him how to walk with God.

Think carefully about this. What is the difference between what the Jews told the man and what Jesus told him?

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14. Be ready to talk about this in class. The Jews told the man to keep laws. But we cannot save ourselves by keeping laws. We fail to keep them when we try by ourselves. Jesus forgave the man.

What did Jesus tell him to stop doing? _____

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15. Jesus told the man to stop sinning. Jesus changed the man's life. He gave him the power to turn from the wrong things he was doing.

Let us remember this when we witness to people. We need to show them the right way to live. But we must show them that this does not save them. Jesus saves them as they believe in Him. Then He gives them power to live good lives.

What did the official with a sick son do to Jesus' words? _____

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16. He believed them. There are many truths taught in today's lesson. You need to pass them to your people. Perhaps there is one thing in the lesson which you feel is especially important.

Prepare to preach a sermon on this truth. On another paper write the big things you will say. Preach the sermon if you can. Bring your paper to class for the leader to see.

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17. If there is time, be ready to tell how your sermon was received by the people.

What did the official with a sick son do to Jesus' words?_____

Who can help those whom no one else can help?_____

After He healed the man by the pool, what did Jesus tell him to stop doing?__

WEEK 2: MEETING JESUS CHRIST
DAY 5: THE WOMAN TAKEN IN ADULTERY MET JESUS
John 8:1-11. John 12:20-26.

1. We have seen that Jesus did not only teach big groups of people. He met men and women one by one.

What did the official with a sick son do to Jesus' words? _____

Who can help those whom no one else can help? _____

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2. The official with a sick son believed Jesus' words. Only Jesus can help every need. After He healed the man by the pool, Jesus told him to stop sinning. Jesus cares about every part of our lives. After we meet Him our lives are changed. Today we will see how the woman of Samaria met Jesus. Jesus told her two things:

- (1) I do not condemn you.
- (2) Do not sin again.

Take your Bible now and read John 8:1 to 11. Read verse 2 again. What was Jesus doing when the woman was brought to him? _____

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3. He was teaching the people. The men who brought the woman were not trying to help her. They did not know that she would be changed by meeting Jesus.

John 8:3:

The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught committing adultery, and they made her stand before them all.

Since these men were not trying to help the woman, what were they trying to do to Jesus? _____

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4. They were trying to trouble Jesus. They did not like Him teaching the people. They did not like what He said. They wanted to trap Him. If they could get Him to do wrong, then they could have Him killed.

In your Bible read John 8:4 and 5. What do you think would have happened if Jesus had said she should be stoned to death? _____

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5. Be ready to talk about this in class. They might have stoned her, as we know that they stoned Stephen later on. But this is not really what they wanted. They would probably have gone to the Roman rulers. Since the Jews were under the Romans, they should not kill anyone. These Pharisees would have condemned Jesus in front of the Romans. They would have said, "He wants to break your laws. You should kill Him."

John 8:6:

They said this to trap (or catch) Jesus, so that they could accuse him. But he bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger.

What sin did the men say the woman was doing? _____

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6. They said she was taken in adultery. The law of Moses said such a woman should be stoned to death. Some of our tribes here in Africa had this law too. A woman who did this was very sinful. She was not faithful to her husband. She was destroying her home and her family. But the man she was with was sinning too.

John 8:7:

As they stood there asking him questions, he straightened up and said to them, "Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the stone at her."

No one threw a stone. Instead they went away. Why do you think they did not stone the woman?

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7. Perhaps they were afraid to stone her. Perhaps they saw their own sin. They did not expect Jesus to turn the matter back to them. They saw that they had not caught Jesus.

John 8:9:

When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman still standing there.

Did Jesus tell the woman she should be stoned? _____

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8. Jesus did not condemn her. He knew she was guilty. She knew she was guilty too. She had broken the law. The law said she should be punished. She must have been surprised at what Jesus said to her. Jesus was not taking away the law. But He had something more to give her.

John 8:10:

He straightened up and said to her, "Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?"

When Jesus said, "I do not condemn you," what can we say He did to her sin?

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9. He forgave it. But how could He do that? He could forgive her sin because He would soon pay the price for it. He would soon take the punishment which God must be given for sin.

John 8:11:

Jesus said, "I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again."

What is the first thing Jesus said to her about her sin?

- (1) _____
 - (2) Do not sin again.
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10. First He said: I do not condemn you. This is the same as saying, "I forgive you." Jesus saw that the woman did not have to be stoned. She could be changed. She could be forgiven. She could stop committing the sin of adultery. She could be a good woman by God's help.

Why could Jesus forgive her sin and say: I do not condemn you? _____

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11. It was because He would soon take punishment for sin. Jesus was crucified for the sins of everyone on earth. He was killed for your sins and mine. Perhaps you have some things in your life as this woman had. If you were brought before Jesus and the people you would be very much ashamed. You know that you should be punished for these things. But God has a way out for you.

What is the first thing Jesus told the woman taken in adultery?

- (1) _____
 - (2) Do not sin again.
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12. He said: I do not condemn you. Then He told her not to sin again. Jesus was not saying that what she did was good. He was not saying that it did not matter. Some people think that we can sin often because God forgives easily. Yes, God forgives. But they forget the Bible teaches that God is angry with sin. Sin breaks God's law. Jesus had to die because of sin. We must see sin as God's enemy and want to put it away from our lives. This is what John wrote at another time.

1 John 3:8:

Whoever continues to sin belongs to the Devil.

Do you think we are forgiven if we do not care about sin but only want to do it again and again?

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13. I do not think we are forgiven. In order to receive forgiveness we must see that sin fights against God. We must see that it destroys our lives. Jesus wanted the woman to see this. Read again what he said to her.

John 8:11:

Jesus said, "I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again.

What is the second thing Jesus told the woman taken in adultery?

(1) I do not condemn you.

(2) _____

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14. Jesus said: Do not sin again. This is almost the same thing He told the man by the pool. Jesus not only forgives sins. He makes it possible for us to overcome sin. He takes away the guilt for the things we have done. He changes our lives. He gives us power to live as we should live for Him.

Look away from your book and say the two things Jesus told the woman taken in adultery.

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15. He told her: I do not condemn you. Do not sin again.

People need to meet Jesus. In the book of John we have seen many people meeting Jesus. Jesus did not only help Jewish people. He helped the woman of Samaria. Later some Greek people wanted to meet Jesus.

John 12:20-21:

Some Greeks were among those who had gone to Jerusalem to worship during the festival. They went to Philip (he was from Bethsaida in Galilee) and said, "Sir, we want to see Jesus."

Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. This seemed to make Jesus happy. He knew that by His life and death He would help people of every nation.

Think of someone you know who was changed because he met Jesus. Be ready to tell the class about him if there is time. Write his name here. _____

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16. What two things did Jesus tell the woman taken in adultery.

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(2) _____