





LESSON FOUR

OVERFLOW: GO & TELL

LESSON IMAGES

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LESSON SUPPLIES

- 1. Small drinking cups for every child.
- 2. Pitchers of water to fill every cup.
- 3. One large container to hold all the water poured out from the cups.



LESSON INTRO

GO & TELL: POUR IT OUT

ASK: Have you ever heard the saying, "What goes in, will come out?"

SAY: It's true.

If we pour apple juice into our cup at breakfast time, apple juice will pour out for us to drink. If we give someone a teddy bear for their birthday and place it in a gift bag, they will pull out the teddy bear when they open up the bag.

What goes in will come out.

The same principle applies to what we listen to and see.

If we only ever watch and listen to things we shouldn't, eventually those words, actions, and thoughts will come out. But, if we listen, watch, and learn things that are good, then those things will come out - such as lyrics to a worship song, scripture we read at bedtime, or even a positive attitude.

Today, we want to take a deeper look at the end of the woman at the well's story that was shared through scripture in John 4.

Then, we will all get the opportunity to participate in an object lesson together.

ASK: Whose ready to dive into today's lesson?

SAY: Repeat after me. "GO AND TELL!" (GO AND TELL!) "POUR IT OUT!" (POUR IT OUT!)

WOMANATTHE WELL CONTINUES...

JOHN 4

SAY: Last week, we looked at the story of the woman at the well. How she longed for not just a real drink of water, but to experience the LIVING WATER, Jesus Christ, to come and fix her broken heart.

Our story picks back up as Jesus begins to explain to the woman that He knows her heart is broken and that the men in her life have left her filling empty because only He himself can make her feel whole again.

Jesus declared to the woman, "I, the one speaking to you—I am He, the Messiah."

SAY: This is the exact moment the woman realizes that the true LIVING WATER is sitting there with her at the well. Jesus says, "I AM HE!"

ASK: Can you imagine how she must have felt realizing the Savior of the world was sitting there in front of her offering her a new life through Him? (Allow responses.)

SAY: What excitement and JOY she must have felt realizing that her broken heart is now whole through Jesus Christ!

ASK: Can you remember the first time you asked Jesus into your heart? The excitement you felt and the joy you experienced? Maybe you were ready to go out and tell your family and friends the exciting news? (Allow responses.)

DON'T KEEP IT TO YOURSELF

SAY: That's exactly how the woman at the well felt.

Scripture tells us in John 4 that, "Just then His disciples returned and leaving her water jar behind, <u>the woman went back to the town and said to the people,</u> "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the <u>Messiah?"</u>

She immediately left the well and went into town telling everyone about the Messiah saying, "Come and see!"

THAT is what we, as Christ followers, are to do every day.

We should be so excited to invite our family and friends to "COME AND SEE!" this GOOD NEWS of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

This GOOD NEWS isn't to keep to ourselves. It's meant to pour out to those around us. We are to SHARE the good news, to GO and TELL the world about Jesus.

If you have accepted the DIME CHALLENGE to raise funds for a well or filtration system for those who don't have clean water, THIS is just one way you can GO and SHARE the good news of Jesus. You are making a difference in His name and it will impact those we are blessing through our giving.

GO TELL THE WORLD



SAY: Let's take a look at our object lesson today.

Each of us will get to participate because we all can GO and SHARE the good news. It's not just something I am supposed to do or your parents are supposed to do, but ALL of us who believe in Christ and have accepted Him as our personal Savior have a reason to go and tell others about Him.

Now, let's see what it looks like when we accept the living water into our lives, then go and share the good news with those around us.

OBJECT LESSON EXPLANATION:

Hand out cups to all the kids and leaders. Have them stand shoulder to shoulder in a straight line. You will be the first person in line and have the pitcher of water to pour from. The object of this visual is that when Jesus gives us living water (water from the pitcher poured into the cup representing our life), we can then go and tell others the good news (pouring water from our cup into someone else's cup). This cycle continues.

Explain that even when we pour into others, our cup never runs dry. As long as we worship Him, talk to Him in prayer, read our Bible, attend church, and do good in the world around us, He continues to pour into our lives and fills us up again.

You can continue to pour water into the cup beside you, which will continue to pour into the next cup, and so on.

A leader can stand at the end with a large container to receive the end result.

Then, show the kids the large container of water as a result of what it looks like if we ALL go and share the good news.

Although we may not feel like sharing the good news with just one person will make a difference, what we don't realize is that the one person we told will then go and tell someone else the good news, and then that person will go and tell another person, and then another person - creating a ripple effect that impacts the world - the large container of good news!

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PRAYER

PRAY: This is a perfect time to pray for the group as a whole. Encourage them to go and share the good news can impact their schools, sports teams, families, and more!

HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

SAY: Similar to our Bible story today, there are people in this world who are physically thirsty for clean water and spiritually thirsty for their lives to be filled by Christ only.

We've been given an incredible opportunity to GO and SHARE with those people through our DIME offering Challenge. By raising these funds, we can sponsor a well/filtration system for those in need of clean water through the Church of God World Missions project.

There are people truly desperate for clean water, just like the lady at the well, and we can help supply clean water through a filtration system while also sharing the good news of Christ through our actions of love and compassion. Just as the lady at the well did once she realized Jesus had changed her life, we can do the same through this challenge. It is inviting those around us to "COME AND SEE" the goodness of God!

You should have a 16 oz plastic bottle for you and your family to fill up with dimes over these several weeks. If you have not received a bottle yet, please let me know. Every bottle filled is about \$100! What an incredible opportunity we've been given to GO & MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the world around us!

ASK: Who has accepted this challenge and has already begun filling their bottle with dimes?

SAY: Make sure you reach out to grandparents, aunts, uncles, and any family members or friends about giving some of their own dimes to donate to your bottle challenge. Share with them the statistics we are learning and how, through their giving of dimes, they too can make a difference by helping us sponsor a well or filtration system for those without clean water.

