

Unit 15 at a Glance

Women in the Life of Jesus

Unit Overview

In this unit the students will take a unique and provoking look at the women who supported Jesus throughout his life and ministry—as well as the unforgettable events surrounding his death. Each lesson is presented through the eyes of a Bible-time newsletter, recounting the amazement and awe of the women whose lives Jesus changed forever. Ultimately the deep devotion of these women will help the students to reflect on their own level of appreciation for Jesus.

Unit Goals

- The students will learn that Jesus was forgiving.
- The students will understand that people showed their love to Jesus in different ways.
- The students will believe that they can show their love for Jesus.

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Lesson 1 A Sinful Woman

Scripture Memory Verse Luke 7:47
"Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little."

In this tale of two women, Jesus is faced with two lives that have been ruined by sin and are desperate for forgiveness. The students will consider the length to which Jesus was willing to go against tradition to meet each woman's need perfectly, and think of things that hold them back from forgiving others.

Lesson 2 Mary and Martha

Scripture Memory Verse Luke 10:41-42
"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Guess who came to dinner to change Mary and Martha's home forever! As the students hear about Martha's misplaced priorities and Mary's better choice, they will think about ways to have their own special time with God.

Lesson 3 Samaritan Woman

Scripture Memory Verse Philemon 6
I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

The hills of Samaria come to life in this amazing encounter between Jesus and the woman at the well. The students will come face to face with Jesus' laser-like ability to gently and powerfully expose the human heart. As they watch this Samaritan woman transform from defensive to defender of Jesus, they will think of people that they can bring to learn about Jesus, too.

Lesson 4 Women Around the Cross

Scripture Memory Verse Acts 1:14
They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Among the heaviest hearts throughout Jesus' suffering and death were those of the women who loved and served Jesus. Mary, his own mother, was among those who followed him all the way to the cross and whose lives were profoundly changed by the events of that day and the days to follow. The students will think about the importance of having a faith that stays true to the end.



3rd and 4th Grades

Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Talk as a family this week about women in your ministry and around the kingdom that you respect and admire and why. Help your child to see the importance of the women in Jesus' ministry two thousand years ago as well as today.
- Plan some family devotionals around the theme of women in the Bible such as: Mothers in the Bible (Eve, Sarah, Hannah, Mary, etc.); Working Women in the Bible (Ruth, Esther, Deborah, Lydia, Priscilla, etc.).
- Think of additional studies that you can do as a family to better appreciate God's role for the women of the kingdom. Use women's books such as *She Shall Be Called Woman*, Volumes 1 and 2, (DPI) or *Our Beginning*, (DPI) to get additional ideas.
- As a family, think of some women who serve in your ministry and things that would encourage them, i.e., flowers, a card, a meal, scented lotion or a gift certificate. Make sure to express the specific things you appreciate and admire about them.
- Get information from Web sites around the kingdom regarding the exciting ways that God is moving in the women's ministries. Share stories that will be meaningful to your child, such as stories about women from families they know or from places that they have visited.
- Help your child to think of women they can invite to church, e.g. school teacher, scout leader, coach, doctor or nurse, neighbor, etc.

We look forward to being partners with you to help your child grow to know and love God more.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers

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