

August 1-2, 2020

**Bible Story:** Dignity: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman (*John 4:1-42*)

**Big Idea:** Let's go first.

**Bible Verse:** Matthew 7:12

**Watch the teaching video on Grace Kids' YouTube page or read the story in a Bible. Then choose a few activities below based on your child's age/ability level.**

- Start with discussion. This month is Hope Month, because God wants us to bring hope to our broken world. Share times when each family member has stepped in to fix something (*anything from rebuilding a broken lego creation to changing a flat tire to stopping unkind treatment of another person*).
- Review the Bible story. Why was it a big deal that Jesus talked to this woman? (*She was a Samaritan—enemy of the Jews.*) Jesus offered the woman “living water”—what does that mean? (*Forgiveness and love and life with God.*) At the beginning, the woman was alone. How did this part of her story end? (*Dignity from Jesus, and invited her community to come see Him. She wasn't alone anymore.*)
- Connect the Bible Verse & Big Idea. Look up and read the Bible verse together. Have you heard this “golden rule” before? Read the Big Idea. If we think, “What would I want someone to do for me?,” how will that help us to “go first” to connect with others? What happens if no one goes first?
- Choose someone to connect with and make a plan. Print the “One Person” sheet. Write the name of a person you know who is alone. (*A neighbor, a new kid at school, or even a family member who needs a friend.*) What's one small thing you'd want someone to do for you? Make a plan to do that for the person and write it on your sheet. (*It can be small: send a note, ask how their day is going, invite them to play online or in person.*) Color or decorate the sheet as desired. Hang it up as a reminder to “go first” this week.
- Try to memorize the Big Idea or Bible verse. Write words of the Big Idea or Bible verse on pieces of paper. Bury papers in a bucket or bin of rice, beans, or other small objects. Have your child find the papers and put them back in order. Say the Big Idea or verse together a few times.
- Go deeper. Look up Jesus' sermon about sheep & goats in Matthew 25:34-40. Discuss: What does this mean and how should it impact the way we treat others? How would remembering this passage change what you do for people who are lonely?