

SAMARITAN'S PURSE WATER PROJECTS

Turning on the tap to safe water for communities. 

Samaritan's Purse Education Resources

Bible Lesson 3

The Samaritan's Purse Water Education resources are Bible-based teaching materials intended to teach biblical principles around the goal of providing safe water to the 663 million people around the world who do not have access to it.

Every 24 seconds a person is dying from diseases caused by contaminated drinking water, and we want to provide parents and teachers with Bible-based resources to educate children about Samaritan's Purse, the biblical principles behind our work, and how Canadians of all ages can help get safe water to those who need it.

A Small Part of Something BIG

Age Group Children in grades K – 6

Leader A parent or teacher can lead children through this Bible lesson

Bible Focus The miraculous story of David in the book of 1 Samuel illustrates how God can and does want to use everyone, including children and seemingly unimportant people

Objective To illustrate the truth that our age and status in this world make no difference to God when He wants to carry out His mighty works

Bible Verses 1 Samuel 17:40-50

Preparation The teacher or parent should read the story of David and Goliath to be familiar with the passages of Scripture

Materials Materials needed depend on the optional activities in which the children participate; while preparing your lesson, please note which activities you would like to do

Some activities will require you to download another PDF from the Samaritan's Purse Water Education Resources. Watch for this symbol:



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Lesson

God works through people of all ages, backgrounds, and nationalities to accomplish what He wants to do in His world. He has worked through everyone from enemy nations of Israel to kings to people with bad reputations to children, all to accomplish His will.

It doesn't matter how old you are, what kind of grades you get in school, whether you play sports or not, if you have the coolest clothes, or if your big brothers and sisters treat you like a baby. God can work through you.

In fact, God likes to work through those who will surprise the world, because it shows what kind of God He is. He works through the small people, people without money or influence, and even reluctant people to accomplish His will, so the world will know: "God did that!"

There are many examples in the Bible where God worked through the small, the silly, and the seemingly unimportant as a part of His big plan.

In the Old Testament, David was just a kid sheep-herder, living in the fields with his flock, when he was made king over all of Israel. Even before this happened, young David surprised his brothers and the army of Israel by battling the giant Goliath.

Some of you might have heard of Goliath; he was a giant warrior of the Philistine army who insulted God and the Israelites for 40 days until God led David to challenge him. David defeated him by launching just a small stone in his sling and hitting Goliath in the head. (1 Samuel 17: 40-50)



Optional Discussion

A parent or teacher poses questions to children. Help generate ideas with possible answers.

Questions: Why was David able to defeat Goliath when all the soldiers of Israel were afraid of the giant?

In the New Testament, Jesus was born in a barn and slept in a trough used for feeding cows and sheep and other farm animals. Look how God worked through him! As an adult, Jesus confirmed how important young people are to God by telling His followers that the kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who believe the same way children believe (Matthew 19:13-14).



Optional Impact Story

If time allows, a parent or teacher can read one or more stories of children in Southeast Asia, and how the lack of safe water hurts them.



Download: Story PDF [Children Around The World-Africa](#)

Activity

In Class

Have children complete activity for their age group.

The leader should find a children's puzzle with roughly the same number of pieces as the number of children participating. (Leader can also make a puzzle from a magazine if that is easier.)

Divide the puzzle pieces among the children, leaving out at least three key pieces from the puzzle. Have the class work on the puzzle together. (The leader may have to provide some guidance.)

Once the children have used all the pieces given to them, ask if they think the puzzle is complete without the missing pieces. Are they seeing the whole picture? Is it disappointing to not complete the puzzle? Does it show them how they are each a puzzle piece in God's big picture? "We fill in important spaces like (here), (here), and (here)." Place puzzle pieces in each time.

Optional At-Home Activity

During the class, coach the children to think about a time when God worked through them to do something or help someone. Then have them write up the experience as a story. Younger children can tell their parents about the experience.

Sample coaching: "Think about a time when God might have worked through you. Did you help your parents with something? Was there something one of your friends couldn't do or figure out, but you could and you did it for them? Did you try to cheer up a classmate when he or she was upset? Write a story about it and bring it to the next class."

Ways to Respond

- Ask children to pray that they be ready for God to work through them to help their friends, parents, and others.
- Challenge the children to think about how God can work through them.

- Encourage children to talk to their parents or friends about how God can work through them to help kids who must drink contaminated water that can make them sick.



A Step Further

Help provide a family in the developing world get safe drinking water as a class, group, or individual. We have ideas for fundraising – from small stewardship activities to large fundraising campaigns – available online at www.SamaritansPurse.ca in the creative fundraising section.

Suggested fund-raising activities to go with this Bible lesson:



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