



Lesson 2: “An Invitation to True Life”

Online Crew Club Plan

<u>Key Teaching Point</u>	I’m invited to find true life in Jesus.
<u>Bible Verse</u>	“But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” (John 4:14, NLT).
<u>Bible Passage</u>	“Jesus invites a woman to drink living water” (John 4:1-42, NLT)
<u>Materials</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A timer
<u>Mystery Bag (Optional)</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide a mini bottle of water inside each student’s mystery bag.

Relate (10 minutes)

Welcome crew members.

Greet crew members.

Choose one of the following icebreaker activities:

- Ask students to share one disappointment from the last week and one thing they are looking forward to in the week ahead.
- Ask students to answer the following questions by renaming themselves on Zoom.
 - What do you like better?
 - Hot drinks or cold drinks?
 - Water or soda?
 - Milk or juice?

- Orange juice or apple juice?
 - Hot cocoa or apple cider?
- Open a discussion with the question: “What do you like to drink when you’re thirsty?”

Play a game.

Who’s Speaking, Detective?

Assign one student to be the detective. Ask them to put their head down so they cannot see their computer screen, and mute everyone’s microphone. While the detective’s head is down, select a student by switching on their mic. Ask that student to create a silly phrase or saying and to say it aloud in a funny or disguised voice. Then, ask the detective to put their head up and guess who was speaking. Make sure to unmute them when they are ready to make a guess! Play several rounds.



Receive (10 minutes)

Hear God’s Word.

If you are not using a mystery bag for this lesson, ask students to go get a glass of water or a water bottle. (You may want to encourage students to keep some distance from their computers as they listen to the story and drink water at the same time.) If you are using a mystery bag, ask students to grab their mystery bags at this time and pull out the mini water bottle inside.

For the following skit, act out the following story from the perspective of the woman that meets Jesus at the well, asking students to take a drink of water every time the word WATER is mentioned. You may want to find a photo of a well to use as a Zoom background.

Let me tell you a story about a man who told me everything I’ve ever done! One day, I brought my WATER jar to the well just outside of town. I always go to the well to draw WATER at the hottest hour of the day so that I can avoid meeting other people there. Let’s just say I’ve made a lot of mistakes in my life, and everyone in town knew it. When you have a bad reputation, you don’t really want to be around other people. However, on this particular day that I went to the well, I realized that someone else was there when I arrived. I expected him to leave as soon as I got there, but to my surprise, he didn’t leave. Instead, he spoke to me, and he even asked me to get him a drink of WATER!

I could not believe he was asking me for a drink of WATER! When I told him my surprise at this, he said something really strange. He said: “If you knew

what God wants to give to you, and if you knew who I was, you would be asking me for a drink of living WATER.”

I had to laugh when I heard this! I noticed that this man didn’t have any buckets to draw WATER with, and this was a really deep well! It’s just not possible to get WATER from this well without them. And living WATER...what does that even mean? The WATER from this well isn’t anything special. I would know, I’ve been getting WATER from this well for years!

If that wasn’t enough, this man then tells me that those who drink the WATER that he gives them will never thirst again, and that this WATER is just like a fountain that’s constantly bubbling up with fresh WATER that gives everlasting life to those that drink it. Have you ever heard of such a thing? I hadn’t, but all I knew is that I wanted that kind of WATER...I would never have to go draw WATER from the well again! So I asked him, pleading with him: “Sir, give me this WATER!”

Then our conversation really got interesting. Instead of giving me this WATER, this man began to tell me everything I’d ever done. He knew about all the mistakes that I had made, even though I’d never met this man before in my life! I thought that there could be only one explanation for this: this man knew God.

So I thought I’d tell him just about the only thing I knew to say. I said, “I know that the Messiah is coming, and that when he comes, he will explain everything to us!” Then, to my surprise, this man responded with just three words: “I am he.”

I realized that I wasn’t feeling thirsty anymore. This encounter with Jesus was the living WATER that I didn’t even know I needed! That day, I came to the well thirsty, but I left filled and satisfied! In fact, I was so satisfied, that I left behind my WATER jar to go extend an invitation of my own to other people in town: “Come see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?!”



Respond (10 minutes)

Apply God's truth.

Set a timer for two or three minutes and ask students to choose to do either jumping jacks or run in place for those two or three minutes.

Ask students:

- **When do you typically feel thirsty?** (after exercising, on a hot day, after eating salty foods, etc.)
- **What does it feel like to be thirsty? Does anyone feel thirsty now?** (Answers may vary.)

For the following two questions, ask students to guess the answer by raising their hand as you call out the numbers. Start from the highest numbers and go to the lowest. (100 days, 50 days, 30 days, 10 days, 7 days, 3 days, 1 day) Then, share the correct answers with students. The answers are provided below.

- **How many days can humans survive without food?** (Thirty days!)
- **How many days can humans survive without water?** (Three days!)

A person can survive without food for thirty days and without water for only three days. Our bodies are designed to get thirsty because it helps us remember to drink the water we need to survive. God has also designed us with a different kind of thirst: he has designed us to thirst for God! God designed us to thirst for him because he knows that without Jesus, we cannot receive eternal life, life forever with him!

Pray together,

Tell a short personal testimony of a time that you experienced Jesus as the “living water.” Explain that Jesus offers this invitation to everyone because God created all of us to thirst for him.

Are you thirsty for God? Will you accept Jesus's invitation?

In order for you to receive the living water that Jesus gives, you have to want it. You have to want forgiveness for your sin. You have to want a new life with God. You have to want to walk with Jesus and have a relationship with him.

Read Psalm 42:1 from a Bible.

**“As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God.”
(NLT)**

How will you respond to Jesus' invitation to you? Do you thirst for him? Do you long to have a relationship with him? What is one thing you can do this

week to build your relationship with Jesus?

Take student responses. Receive their prayer requests and close in prayer.