



## OOEY GOOEY

### 2.1 – Messy Life

#### BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus isn't afraid of our mess!

#### OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn, "I can be used by God even though I've messed up."

#### TAGLINE:

Jesus meets us in our mess.

#### KEY PASSAGE:

John 4:7-30, Jesus Talks with a Woman from Samaria

#### MEMORY VERSE:

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**So, he said to them,** *(cup hands around mouth)*  
**"Those who are healthy** *(hold up a thumbs up)*  
**Don't need a doctor.** *(Cross arms to an X and bring down to side)*  
**Sick people do.** *(Put thumbs down)*  
**I have not come to get** *(shake head no)*  
**Those** *(point forward)*  
**who think they are right with God** *(point to head)*  
**to follow me.** *(walk in place)*  
**I have come to get sinners** *(point to self)*  
**to follow me."** *(walk in place)*  
**Mark 2:17** *(Hold hands out like holding a Bible)*

#### SUMMARY:

Not only was the woman at the well a Samaritan woman, a sworn enemy of the Jewish people who was considered unclean, but she also had a messy past. Jesus chose this unlikely woman to begin proclaiming His name throughout Samaria.

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Practice the new memory verse together with the motions. It’s long, but tell the kids that they’re learning it for 2 months.

### GAME/ACTIVITY: Oobleck Mess

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Cornstarch, water, a few water tables, and a floor cover (plastic or drop cloth)

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

Use a ratio of 1 c of water for every 1 ½ c of cornstarch. To fill a water table, use about 20 c of water and 30 c of cornstarch. Fill a few water tables with cornstarch but be sure it does not actually fill to the top. Less than halfway is best. Provide enough water tables or dish pans so that all the kids can stand around and play with the cornstarch. Allow the kids a few minutes to play in the cornstarch and enjoy it.

Give the kids an Ooey Goey Oobleck Challenge! Begin the first challenge. Ask all of the kids to try to grab oobleck with two hands and keep it from dripping and escaping out of their hands. Then challenge kids to use just one hand and keep it from dripping. Next challenge kids to only use their fingertips and try to keep it from dripping. Finally, challenge kids to only use one finger to get oobleck and try to keep it from dripping.

Give the kids a few more minutes to enjoy the oobleck mess and then instruct them to go wash up before they touch anything.

#### WHAT’S THE POINT?

Jesus isn’t afraid of our mess...even an oobleck mess! Jesus meets us in our mess!

### MAIN LESSON

#### INTRO:

Life gets messy. Sometimes we find ourselves right in the middle of the messiest mess that we have ever messed up! That was a tongue twister! But seriously, we aren't perfect. JESUS ISN'T AFRAID OF OUR MESS! JESUS MEETS US IN OUR MESS! This means that even though we sin and make mistakes, Jesus comes to save us from our sin.

I'm about to read about a woman who got herself into a mess. This mess wasn't quite so funny though. She had gotten into a pattern of sin that really had her stuck. As you listen, pay attention to what Jesus offers her...even in the midst of her MESS!

#### READ JOHN 4:7-30

#### MAIN POINT:

So even though she had sinned...Even though she had made the mistake of not holding marriage sacred and being in many inappropriate relationships...Even though she had a MESSY LIFE...Jesus still met her at the well. This woman was surprised that Jesus would even talk to her because Jewish people were known to not talk to Samaritans, especially Samaritan women back in those days. But none of that bothered Jesus! JESUS MEETS US IN OUR MESS! He sought this woman out. He talked to her. Asked her for water. Offered her living water. Acknowledged that she was in a mess of sin but still offered her hope!

We are all in one mess or another. We all make mistakes. We all have messy lives. We all sin. Jesus meets us right in our sin and offers us salvation! He loves us even though we have made a big mess of things. JESUS IS NOT AFRAID OF OUR MESS because He has defeated sin on the cross, and the messy death that went with it. He is our hope and salvation!

So don't worry about getting all cleaned up and perfect for Jesus. He loves you right where you are. He wants to help you out of your mess and away from sin. But that can only happen through Jesus. We can NOT become perfect so that Jesus will meet us. That is impossible. No one is perfect. But if we let Jesus into our heart, He will change us for the good. He will help us clean up our messes! Just like He did for the woman at the well! She ran to tell everyone about Him. How He had come to save her!

#### DRIVE IT HOME:

Once we have accepted Jesus into our hearts and let him start to change us and clean up our sinful mess...We can start being used by God. God can change our hearts and clean up our sin and help us to walk the way Jesus does. Through our relationship with Him, we will be filled with love, joy, peace and more!

Let's say this together: I CAN BE USED BY GOD EVEN THOUGH I'VE MESSED UP!  
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woman at the well. He changed her heart and she shared this with many people. She led many people to Jesus! Jesus met her in her mess and got her cleaned up! JESUS MEETS US IN OUR MESS too! He isn't afraid to come close to us because He can't get dirty from our mess. Jesus is perfect because He is God! Let's pray together and thank Jesus for not being afraid of our mess!

### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION & SNACK

**ICEBREAKER:** Have you ever made a mess in the kitchen? If so, what were you trying to make or eat?

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What did Jesus ask the woman for?
- What did he offer her?
- Was the woman at the well perfect? Did she earn what Jesus offered?
- How is sin a lot like mess?

### Lesson Review Questions:

The woman at the well gave Jesus water right away when He asked for it.  
FALSE

Jesus isn't afraid of our mess. He meets us in our mess.  
TRUE

Samaritans and Jews did not talk to one another, but Jesus was not afraid to talk to the Samaritan woman.  
TRUE

Some sinful messes are too big for Jesus to clean up.  
FALSE

Even though we have sinned and messed up, God can still use us!  
TRUE