



BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel.
Our desire is to see families use this resource
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

UNITS 19-21 | Spring (March - May 2026)



the
GOSPEL
GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

gos-pel – *noun*. good news. the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation.



GOD RULES.

The Bible tells us God created everything, including you and me, and He is in charge of everything. *Genesis 1:1; Revelation 4:11; Colossians 1:16-17*



WE SINNED.

We all choose to disobey God. The Bible calls this sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. *Romans 3:23; 6:23*



GOD PROVIDED.

God sent Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. *John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9*



JESUS GIVES.

He lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! *Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:8-9*



WE RESPOND.

Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus. *John 14:6; Romans 10:9-10,13*

UNIT 19:

JESUS CAME TO EARTH

At last—Jesus—the promised Messiah, had arrived as a baby. As Jesus grew, He found favor with God and people. The incarnation—the act of God taking on flesh—set the stage for Jesus, the God-man, to be the all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the world.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Who is Jesus?

Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, who came to earth to save us.

KEY PASSAGE:

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.



AT HOME RESOURCES

March 1

THE OLD TESTAMENT POINTS TO JESUS | LUKE 1; JOHN 1



STORY POINT:
John was sent by God as a witness to the coming Messiah.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God spoke through His prophets in the Old Testament, like Isaiah and Malachi, and shared His plan to send Jesus into the world to save people from their sin. When the time had come, God called John to be a witness for Jesus. Anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Zechariah's doubt affect him? What happened when he obeyed God?
- How did John prepare the way for Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Use cardstock and craft sticks to make paper puppets for Zechariah, Elizabeth, the angel, and baby John. Practice retelling the Bible story using the paper puppets.

TO SERVE :

Purchase or collect baby items to donate to Assist Pregnancy Center or a local ministry who supports foster and adoptive families. Pray for the children and families who will receive the donations. Ask God to help the children experience His love and to ultimately know Jesus as Savior.

March 8 | Session 1

JESUS WAS BORN | MATTHEW 1; LUKE 1-2



STORY POINT:

Jesus, the promised Messiah, was born.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God kept His promise to send Jesus, the Messiah, to save people from their sins. God will keep His promise to save everyone who trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What was special about Jesus?
- How did Mary and Joseph respond to God's plan, and what does that teach us about trusting and obeying God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

If available, look at childhood photos or videos of each family member. Share stories of joy and excitement that came with each child coming into the family. Tell each child how much of a blessing they are to your family. Remind kids that Jesus' birth is good news because Jesus is the promised Savior who came to rescue us from sin and death.

TO SERVE :

Take the whole family shopping for baby clothing or supplies. Gift the items to an expecting mother in your church or to a local pregnancy center like Assist. Spend time praying for the families who will receive the gifts. Remind kids of the joy that came to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds when they heard the good news of Jesus' birth.

March 15 | Session 2

JESUS WAS DEDICATED | LUKE 2



STORY POINT:
Simeon and Anna
worshiped Jesus
as the Messiah.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Simeon and Anna worshiped Jesus as the Messiah who God promised to save people from their sins. By trusting in Jesus, we can be saved from our sins and, like Simeon and Anna, praise God for His salvation.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did Simeon and Anna thank and praise God for sending Jesus?
- What does it mean to be faithful?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Make a promise like going out for ice cream or going to a movie that will be fulfilled later in the week. Throughout the week, talk as a family about what it's like to wait and how waiting might make you forget or doubt the promise. As you get closer to the fulfillment of the promise, talk about the joy and anticipation each person feels. Compare all the feelings of the week to what Simeon might have felt. Remind kids that God can always be trusted to keep His promises.

TO SERVE :

Take a flower arrangement to a senior adult Bible study group. Write the words of 2 Corinthians 1:20 (For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in him. Therefore, through him we also say "Amen" to the glory of God.) on a tag and attach it to the bouquet. If possible, ask a member of the group to share how they have seen God's faithfulness in their life. Remind kids that God always keeps His promises!

March 22 | Session 3

WISE MEN VISITED JESUS | MATTHEW 2



STORY POINT:
The wise men
worshiped Jesus
as the Messiah.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The wise men worshiped Jesus as the Messiah and gave Him valuable gifts. Jesus gave His life for us when He died on the cross for our sins. Jesus is worthy of all worship.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What do the gifts the wise men gave to Jesus tell us about His identity?
- How did God protect Jesus from King Herod?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

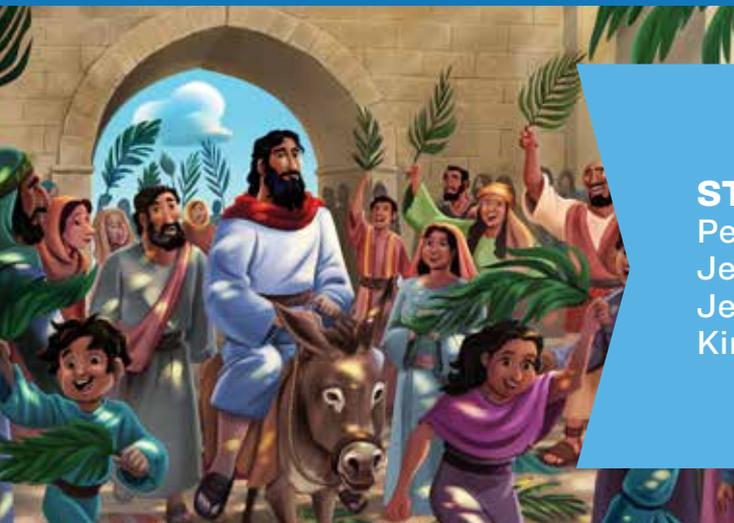
Reenact the journey of the wise men by going on a “treasure hunt” through your home (or backyard), following paper star cutouts that lead to a special surprise representing Jesus. Hide the stars throughout the home, each one leading closer to the treasure. At the final stop, congratulate the kids on finding the “treasure” and read Matthew 2:1–12 together.

TO SERVE :

Work together as a family to make small “blessing bags” for people in need. These could include snacks, hygiene items (like toothbrushes or soap), socks, or encouraging notes. Explain that when we give to others, we’re honoring Jesus—just like the wise men did. Encourage kids to decorate gift tags with drawings of stars and write Jesus loves you! or A gift for you because Jesus is our greatest gift!

March 29 | Easter Session 1

JESUS' TRIUMPHAL ENTRY | MATTHEW 21; MARK 11; LUKE 19; JOHN 12



STORY POINT:
People welcomed Jesus to Jerusalem as their King.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus cried because He wanted the people in Jerusalem to know that He is the Messiah so that they would be saved. God wants all people to turn away from their sin, trust in Jesus, and accept the free gift of salvation and eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey?
- How should we respond to the fact that many people do not know Jesus as their Savior?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Choose some rocks from your yard or a nearby stream. Use acrylic paints to decorate the rocks with words of praise or the word Hosanna. Place the rocks in your yard or around the neighborhood. Jesus told the Pharisees that if the people did not praise Him then the rocks would cry out and praise Him. Talk as a family about how these rocks can remind us to worship Jesus as King!

TO SERVE :

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, some of the people threw their cloaks on the ground in front of Him, which was a way to worship Him as King. Donate unused coats or clothes to individuals or organizations who have need like Hope Ministry or Central Union Mission. Consider starting a collection with others in your church to provide winter coats for others. This can also be a way to worship Jesus as King!

April 5 | Easter Session 2

JESUS SAVES US TO FOLLOW HIM | MATTHEW 27-28; MARK 15-16; LUKE 23-24;
JOHN 19-20



STORY POINT:

Jesus died on the cross and rose again to defeat sin and death.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

While the people were crucifying Jesus, He asked His Father to forgive them. Even though Jesus never sinned, He went to the cross for our sin. Jesus forgives everyone who repents and believes He died and rose again.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What do you think the torn veil in the temple demonstrated?
- How can we know that Jesus really rose from the dead?
- Why do we have to turn from our sin to trust Jesus as Savior?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Use painter's tape to create a cross on an art canvas. Allow the family to splatter paint across the canvas. The messier the better! After the paint dries, remove the tape to reveal the cross. As Jesus was dying on the cross, His final words brought hope to the world. Remind kids that Jesus' last words before He died and rose again declared that He had conquered sin and made forgiveness available to all who believe.

TO SERVE :

Schedule a worship night for your family. You may also want to invite other families to attend. Make it a night of reading Scripture, singing songs, and praising Jesus for His death and resurrection. Invite kids to write prayers or poems, share stories, or lead in singing songs that exalt Jesus as King over your family and over all creation.

IBC KidsStation

Spring (March- May 2026) Playlist



UNIT 20:

JESUS' MINISTRY BEGAN

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus' ministry. God confirmed Jesus' Sonship when He was baptized by John. Fully God, yet also fully human, Jesus was tempted by Satan, but He did not sin. As His ministry continued, Jesus invited others to follow Him as the only way to the Father.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Is Jesus God or human?

Jesus is fully God and fully human.

KEY PASSAGE:

John 1:14

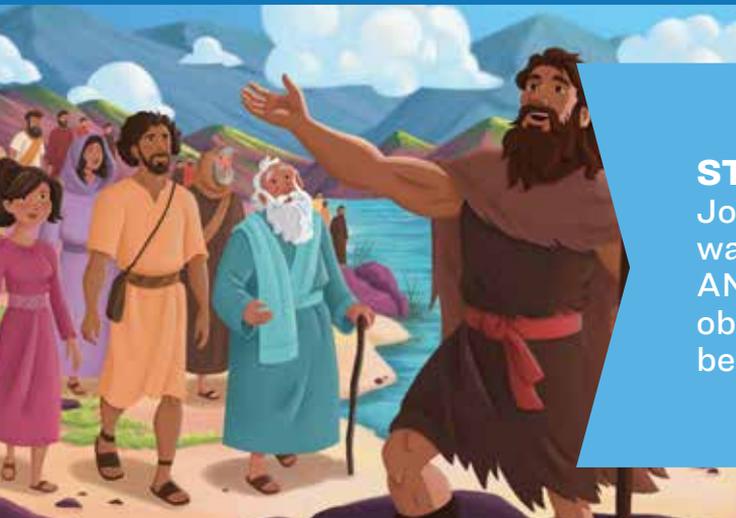
And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.



AT HOME RESOURCES

April 12 | Session 1 & 2

JOHN'S MINISTRY BEGAN & JOHN BAPTIZED JESUS | MATTHEW 3; MARK 1;
LUKE 3; JOHN 1



STORY POINT:
John Prepared the way for Jesus.
AND Jesus obeyed God by being baptized.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

John prepared the way for Jesus by calling people to repent of their sins. If we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus, we will be saved.

--AND --

Jesus obeyed His Father by being baptized. Later in life, He obeyed His Father by dying on a cross for our sins and rising again, so that all who trust in Him will receive eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What are some ways that John the Baptist prepared people for Jesus to come?
- What does it mean to repent?
- How does this story show Jesus' obedience to God's plan?
- How did Jesus take away the sin of the world?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Play follow the leader as a family. Allow each family member to lead the group at least once. Talk with kids about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Remind them that it begins with faith in Him and leads us to a mission of telling others about Him.

TO SERVE :

Pray for unreached people groups around the world. Pray for the people, for missionaries who are attempting to reach those people, and for the good news of Jesus to be revealed to all these groups of people.

April 19 | Session 3

JESUS WAS TEMPTED | MATTHEW 4; MARK 1; LUKE 4



STORY POINT:
Jesus was tempted and never sinned.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Like us, Jesus experienced temptation. But unlike us, Jesus never sinned. When we repent and believe Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sins and rose again, God credits us with Jesus' perfect life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Jesus respond to the devil's temptations; what does this show us about the power of God's Word?
- Why is it important that Jesus resisted temptation?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

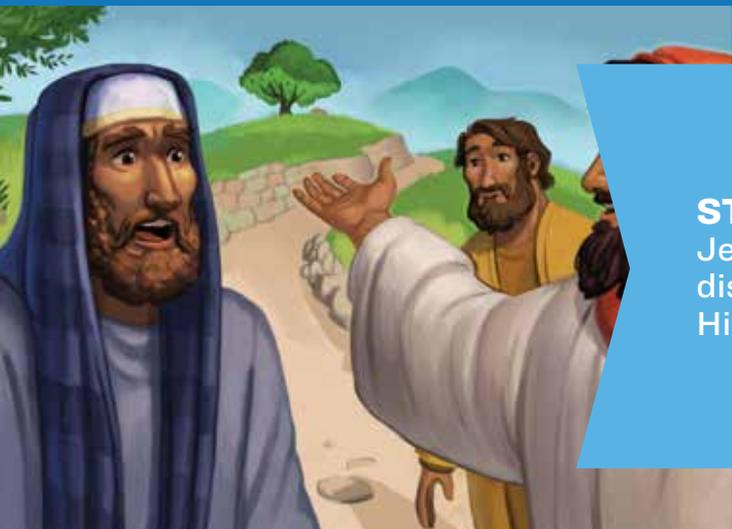
Bake chocolate chip cookies for the family. Allow each family member to eat one cookie, but set aside the rest of the batch to eat later in the week. During the week of waiting, acknowledge the temptation to eat the cookies. Talk with kids about how sin looks and feels enticing to us, but it always leads to consequences. Remind kids that Jesus has defeated sin and given all who believe in Him the power to say no to sin.

TO SERVE :

Work together as a family to create a Scripture mural of John 1:1-5. Each day, write one of the verses from John 1:1-5 on a large piece of paper and decorate around the words. As you decorate the words, talk with your kids about how Jesus used God's Word to battle Satan's temptation and how Jesus became the Word who conquered sin for us. At the end of the week, give the mural to a friend or family member to share the truth of who Jesus is.

April 26 | Session 4

JESUS' FIRST FOLLOWERS | JOHN 1



STORY POINT:
Jesus called
disciples to follow
Him.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus still calls people to follow Him today as His disciples. Everyone who repents and trusts that Jesus died and rose again for their sins is His disciple. Jesus is worth following, no matter what we have to leave behind.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why did John the Baptist point his disciples to Jesus?
- How can we follow Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Have you ever played “Follow the Leader?” In the game, one person is the leader, and the rest of the group must imitate whatever actions he or she does. If the leader jumps up and down, then the group must jump up and down. If the leader clucks like a chicken, everyone must also cluck like a chicken. The point of the game is to pay special attention to the leader and mimic what they do.

TO SERVE :

Thinking about the rules of this game helps us understand what Jesus meant when He said to the disciples, “Follow Me.” Jesus was inviting them to walk with Him and watch Him teach people about the kingdom of God. Along the way, Jesus would also be teaching them and showing them how He is the Son of God. Then, Jesus would give them power and opportunity to share in the work of telling others about the kingdom of God.



UNIT 21:

JESUS' MINISTRY CONTINUES

As Jesus' ministry continued, He revealed His glory to a sinful world so people might believe in Him and have life in His name. Through Jesus' teachings, warnings, and miracles, He affirmed that faith in Him leads to forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Did Jesus ever sin?
No, Jesus never sinned.

KEY PASSAGE:

1 John 3:5

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.



AT HOME RESOURCES

May 3 | Session 1

JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE | JOHN 2



STORY POINT:

Jesus changed water into wine and showed His glory.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus changed water into wine, revealing His glory and showing that He is God. Like the disciples, we can believe in Jesus. Those who trust in Jesus are saved from their sin and changed to become more like Jesus.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Mary show faith in Jesus?
- What does Jesus' first miracle reveal about His power and identity as the Son of God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Set a pitcher of water on the family table. Talk about how ordinary it looks—just like the water at the wedding. Then, add juice concentrate or powdered drink mix, and stir. Watch how quickly the water turns into a completely different drink—something sweet and special! Read John 2:1–11 together and talk about how Jesus didn't just make better water—He completely changed it, just like He can change our hearts and lives when we trust Him.

TO SERVE :

Just as Jesus brought joy to a wedding by turning water into wine, your family can spread joy to others by creating and delivering small gift baskets to people who need encouragement. Fill small jars or baskets with candy, tea bags, or homemade treats. Write cards to let the recipients know they are loved and that there is joy in Jesus. Deliver the gifts baskets as a family to neighbors, homebound church members, or healthcare workers.

May 10 | Session 2

JESUS AT PASSOVER | JOHN 2



STORY POINT:

Jesus knew people's sin and cleaned out the temple.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus showed His desire to honor God by cleansing the temple of sinful practices. All sin offends God's glory and will be punished. Jesus took the punishment our sin deserves so that anyone who trusts in Him will be cleansed of sin.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why was Jesus angry about what was happening?
- What did Jesus mean when He said He would destroy and raise the temple?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

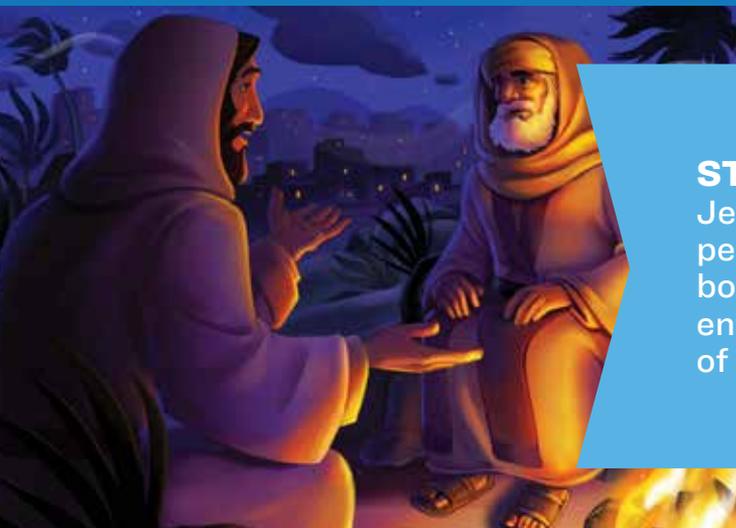
Choose a room in your home that needs tidying up, like the living room or a playroom. Set a timer for 10–15 minutes and have a fun “clean-up race” as a family. Play worship music while you clean. When you're done, sit together and read Matthew 21:12–13. Talk about how Jesus cleansed the temple of all the things that distracted people from honoring God and how He wants to do the same in our hearts so we can focus on loving and honoring God.

TO SERVE :

Volunteer as a family to deep clean a designated space in your church, like the nursery, the kitchen, or storage closets. Make sure toys are clean, clutter is organized, and spaces are free from distractions, so people are free to worship God and make ministry happen in those spaces. Talk about how important it was to Jesus—and how important it is for us—to have space where we can focus on God and worship Him for His goodness.

May 17 | Session 3

JESUS AND NICODEMUS | JOHN 3



STORY POINT:

Jesus taught that people must be born again to enter the kingdom of God.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Nicodemus was a religious leader, but he needed to be born again to enter the kingdom of God. Jesus shared how the Spirit causes people to be born again to new life. Anyone who believes in Jesus will be born again and receive eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What does it mean to be “born again,” and why is it necessary to enter God’s kingdom?
- How does the Old Testament story Jesus referred to point to what He would do on the cross?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Host a family gift exchange. Draw names and shop for gifts or find items to regift from around the house. Try to make the gifts personal for the receivers. After the exchange, talk with kids about how God has made eternal life a gift to all who believe in Jesus. It cannot be earned but is freely given when we trust in His name.

TO SERVE :

Download a copy of The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me and review the plan with your kids (gospelproject.lifeway.com/resources). Practice sharing the gospel with one another using this evangelism tool. Pray for opportunities for your family to share the gospel with a neighbor, a family member, or someone else in the coming days.

May 24 | Session 4

JOHN POINTED TO JESUS | JOHN 3



STORY POINT:
John pointed people to follow Jesus as the Messiah.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

John pointed people to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. When people believe in Jesus as the Messiah, they receive eternal life and can point others to believe in Jesus too.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why was John happy people were following Jesus instead of him?
- How can we make Jesus more important in our lives?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Use poster board and other craft materials to make giant foam fingers for each family member. Cut them out and decorate them with messages like “Jesus is #1!”, “He must become greater”, or “Point to Jesus!” Talk about how John the Baptist didn’t try to be the most important—he pointed people to Jesus instead. Share ideas about how you can each “point to Jesus” this week—at school, work, or in your neighborhood.

TO SERVE :

Ask friends and neighbors to help your family host a Bible club in your neighborhood this spring. Plan three or four Bible stories to share with kids, come up with lesson plans and activities, and designate an individual to start gathering supplies. Consider hosting the Bible club in a front yard or nearby park to help other kids learn about Jesus. Remind your family that this is just one of the ways we can point others to Jesus the way John pointed people to Jesus.

May 31 | Session 5

JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN | JOHN 4



STORY POINT:
Jesus told the Samaritan woman that He is the Messiah.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus pointed out the Samaritan woman's sin so that she could believe He is the Messiah. The Holy Spirit shows us our sin so that we might turn away from it and turn to Jesus to be saved. Anyone who trusts in Jesus receives the Holy Spirit and eternal life.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why was it unusual that Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman?
- What did Jesus mean by “living water,” and how does it lead to eternal life?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Place a bucket full of water on one side of the yard and an empty cup on the other side. Take turns carrying water from the full bucket to the empty cup using a spoon or sponge. Use a stopwatch to see how quickly your family can fill the empty cup with water. Read John 4:14 together and talk about how Jesus said He gives us living water that never runs out.

TO SERVE :

Take a cooler filled with iced-down water bottles to a local park or busy shopping center. Offer the water bottles for free to people passing by. Pray that God would open the door for spiritual conversations with others as you give them this gift. Pray specifically that the people who receive the water would thirst for Jesus and come to know Him as their Savior.





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