

Amy Carmichael: Living Water in India

Scripture: John 7 Review

Lesson Focus: Our last two weeks in John we have challenged the kids to first come to Jesus in faith and trust so that He might then send them out to be living water to those around them. All classes (1st-5th grade) will watch a cartoon video on the story of Amy Carmichael which fits perfectly in with these two lessons. Amy was a missionary to India who the Lord used to make a tremendous impact not only on individual lives of people, but on the whole culture. Our prayer is that the kids would be inspired by her life to be missional “living water” to those around them.

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video that has some intense moments in it. While the video tastefully portrays a lot of the bad things that happened in India, it could frighten overly sensitive kids. If they have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) Instead of normal worship, I will introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 40 minutes).
- 4) I will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page, a puzzle, and a word search available for the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd graders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Q provided or your own Qs) or leverage the coloring page or puzzle.
- 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

We will return to our more usual John study the following week!

Discussion Qs

Dig Into the Story

- 1) Amy was from Europe and was sent to India as a missionary. What was her mission to the people of India?
- 2) What obstacles did Amy Carmichael encounter in teaching the people about Jesus? What are some things she did to overcome them?
- 3) The little girl, Preena, was abandoned by her mother to the Indian temple. Why did the mother do this?
- 4) What are some of the differences between the gods of the Indian temple and the one, true, and living God of the Bible?
- 5) The ladies working with Amy gave up their jewelry at one point in the story. Why did they do this and how did it help them in their mission?

Go Deeper

- 1) Read **John 7:37-39**. In what ways did you see Amy's life represented by what Jesus describes in these verses?
- 2) Did you notice one of the ladies working with Amy was missing an arm and the other one was a widow? Both of these women were not considered valuable in their society. Amy loved and valued them as they were: humans made in the image of God. Who are some of the "less valuable" in your school or community and how can you see them as Amy saw these two ladies?
- 3) Before Preena even knew Jesus, she was seeking Him and God responded. What are some ways you saw God respond to Preena's prayers and how have you seen God work this way in your life or in the lives of others?
- 4) Many people around the world believe strongly in "gods" who are not the God of the Bible. Why do they still need to receive the gospel? How can we show them respect while at the same time share the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ with them? What were some ways that Amy did that?
- 5) Have you ever considered becoming a missionary when you grow up? What do you think makes people want to become missionaries?