



Messy Vintage

Session 11

Meeting Jesus in unexpected places

Bible reference

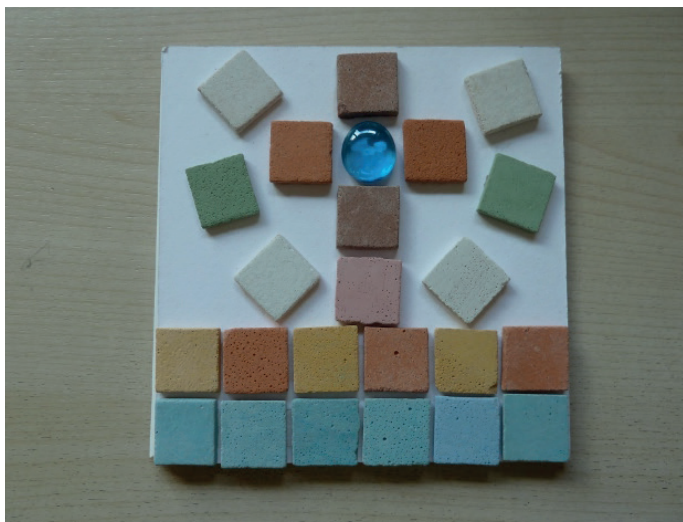
John 4:1–29

How does this session help people grow in Christ?

Each of us travels on life's journey in our own unique way. We are free to make choices, some of which are good and some not. It is often when making wrong choices that people feel God can't possibly want anything to do with them but, as the story of the woman at the well emphasises, it is in those unexpected places that he sends Jesus to turn our lives upside down.

Messy team theme

- Talk about life experiences, both good and bad.
- Talk about your faith journey, both positive and challenging moments.



Activity

You will need: 14 cm square boards cut from MDF board or other strong material; mosaic stone tiles; clear or aqua glass vase pebbles; strong adhesive

Stick the tiles on to the boards, representing your faith journey or a particular time on your life journey. Somewhere on the board, place one glass pebble, representing a shining moment on your journey.

Celebration

You might choose one of the following:

Tell the story of meeting Jesus at the well from the woman's perspective. Talk about how she felt when she arrived at the well and how she felt when she left.

Show the acted version of 'Jesus and the Woman at the Well' on YouTube ([youtube.com/watch?v=sma4o3mCPwA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sma4o3mCPwA)).

Take in a toy transformer and change it from its existing form into another. Speak about how the woman at the well saw herself and how Jesus saw her.

Encourage people to share any life-changing encounters with Jesus they have had.

Song suggestions

I stand amazed in the presence
Blessed assurance
I heard the voice of Jesus say
Amazing grace
And can it be
God is love; his the care
I will sing the wondrous story
Tell me the old, old story
Give me joy in my heart

