

## **Messy: Devotional and Game – Week 1**

**Devotion – 5 Minutes**

**Game – 5 Minutes**

**Over the next few weeks, we are going to get really messy. We are going to play with paint...and shaving cream...and lots of messy things.**

**We're going to get our hair messy, our clothes messy, our bodies messy. We are going to be a total mess!**

**We're also going to learn about several people from the Bible who made a total mess out of their lives.**

**They made some REALLY big mistakes...and they messed up their entire lives.**

**But the good news is that God still used them...with all of their imperfections...to do great things.**

**Why? Because God looks down deep inside a person's heart.**

**He knows when a person has simply messed up...and He forgives.**

**Have you ever messed up so badly that it left you believing that God wants nothing to do with you?**

**Have you ever messed up so badly that you thought that God could never use you for anything good?**

**Have you ever messed up so badly that you thought that God could never forgive you?**

**If your answer is "yes," then you're in good company, because we all have.**

**We've all made poor choices and bad decisions.**

**But, if we're willing to admit that we have messed up...then Jesus will forgive.**

**In fact, He specializes in ministering to messed-up people.**

**One of the greatest examples of this is found in the book of John. In chapter 4, Jesus encounters a woman at a well.**

**This nameless woman meets Jesus while she performs one of the most boring tasks in her messed-up life — drawing water out of a well.**

**She quickly learned a lesson we all need to know as well — that Jesus can clean up...and change our lives...if we are willing to admit that we messed up...if we are willing to admit that we have sinned.**

**Jesus wants to clean up our mess-ups so much that He will break down every possible barrier to do so.**

**(In Depth Teaching: Teach on the woman at the well on Sunday)**

**(GAME BELOW)**

## **Devotion – Week 1 – Messy**

**Quick Game: (Don't take it over 5 minutes) Have You Ever?**

**Have everyone sit down...volunteers and leaders should play along too.**

**Ask a series of questions and have those who can answer YES to stand up and REMAIN standing.**

**Ask questions such as:**

- 1. Have you ever told a lie?**
- 2. Have you ever disobeyed your parents?**
- 3. Have you ever taken something that did not belong to you?**
- 4. Have you ever talked about someone behind their back?**
- 5. Have you ever been mean to your brother or sister?**

**Limit your questions to 5**

- Most children should be standing by this time.**
- Some children will not stand...no matter what the question might be. They are not ready or willing to admit that they have ever done anything wrong...and that is ok. Don't point them out, don't reference them, etc.**
- For those standing...tell them that all the things that they stood up for are called sins.**
- The sins that we have committed are things that will mess up our lives.**
- The Bible says that we are all sinners**
- The first step to entering heaven when we die...is that we admit that we have sinned.**
- When we admit that we have sinned and ask for forgiveness...God forgives and cleans up all the messes.**
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**This week...think about the things you have done wrong and ask God to forgive you...and to clean up the mess you have made.**