

## *Gardening*

Object: Water

Bible Verse - Isaiah 58:11 “And the LORD will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

Lesson - We are all like a dehydrated garden in need of the water of life which comes from God.

### **INTRODUCTION IDEAS**

- You could talk about playing outside for a long time and becoming thirsty.
- You could ask students what they need more than anything else in that moment.
- You could ask the students what basic things they need to survive.

### **LESSON SUGGESTIONS**

- Talk about the verses Luke 12:24-28 “Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith!”
- Explain our “thirst” for the Word of God in order to feed our faith.
- Talk about how our spiritual needs are far greater than our physical needs.
- Talk about Jesus on the cross. He stated that he was thirsty. Explain how this showed that Jesus was true man along with true God. God knows our earthly needs from a personal level and knows how best to provide for us.

### **QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTIVE LESSON**

- Ask the students where in their own lives they have witnessed God restoring a soul from dying.
  - They could talk about a tough time in their lives, or in the lives of someone close to them  
- try to encourage them to keep names anonymous to save others’ privacy.
- List as many blessing as the students can within a timeframe.
  - Try to include the not so obvious answers as well. Examples of such would be freedoms as a country, and beating hearts.
- Jesus lived a perfect life and died for us. How has Jesus’ life and death given us “living waters?”

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Dear God, thank you for providing us with all the blessing you have poured down on us and bringing us here together strengthening our faith. Continue to provide us with the living water of your Word as we live lives reflecting your love and mercy. Amen.