

Family Worship at Home

The Woman at the Well

Sunday 2nd August

For today's Bible reading, John chapter 4 verses 3-15, please [click here to watch](#)

Think it through

When visiting a friend, your friend asks, "Would you like something to drink?"

"Yes, please," you answer

"What would you like? I have pop, fruit juice and water."

Which drink would you choose?

Your answer probably depends on whether you are actually thirsty or just want something to drink. The number one choice that children make is pop. Now, I must admit that sodas taste pretty good, but if you want something that will satisfy your thirst and provide what your body needs, pop wouldn't be the right choice. Pops are high in sugar and have a lot of calories that we don't need. You might think that fruit juice would be a good choice, but surprisingly, they often contain as much sugar and calories as soft drinks. If you want a healthy choice, the choice is clearly water!

In our Bible story today, Jesus teaches us the most important lesson about drinking water that we will ever learn. One day Jesus was walking through a town in Samaria. He was hot and tired, so he sat down beside a well to rest. A woman came to the well to get some water and Jesus asked her if she would give him a drink. The woman was surprised that Jesus spoke to her because Jews would not usually speak to Samaritans. She said to him, "Why do you ask me for a drink since you are a Jew and I am a Samaritan?"

Jesus answered and said, "If you knew who was asking you for a drink, you would ask him for a drink, and he would give you living water."

"You don't even have anything to get water in, how can you give me living water?" the woman asked.

Then Jesus explained, "Whoever drinks from the water from this well will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst again."

Jesus wasn't talking about the thirst for water from a well, he was talking about a thirst for God. The Bible teaches us that we have a thirst in our heart for the living God and that is a thirst that only Jesus can satisfy. So, when we have Jesus in our heart, he totally satisfies our thirst for God and we will never thirst again!



emotion questions

1. What was the woman's reactions to Jesus' statements about her life?
2. How did Jesus feel about this woman?
3. How should we feel when we are worshipping?



application questions

1. How should we treat those who are sinning?
2. How should we worship God?
3. How do we learn what is truthful worship?



fact questions

1. What Bible book includes this lesson?
2. Where did Jesus say worship really takes place?
3. Where was the woman from?



review questions

1. Did Jesus look down on this sinning Samaritan?
2. Why did Jesus answer her questions?
3. Do we have to worship in a physical place today?

Spreading the “Refreshment”

Have a cake tin on the table. Let each person squirt some water from a bottle into the cake tin. Talk about sharing Jesus with others so that everyone will know that Jesus is the Living Water. As we tell others, the water will spread. When we know Jesus as our Saviour we will want to share the refreshing Living Water with others. Don't keep it “bottled” up, give out the Good news!

Jesus as Living Water

You will need:

Empty clear drinks bottle

Cooking oil

Food colouring

Glitter

Water

Marker pen

If you are thirsty drink water. If you are looking for God you need Jesus the Living Water.

Pour cooking oil carefully into the bottle, until it's a third full. Add food colouring then shake to mix the oil and food colouring.

Add 1-2 teaspoons of glitter carefully.

Fill the bottle almost to the top and screw the lid tightly.

Write ‘Jesus is Living Water on the side of the bottle

Shake the bottle and watch the “living water” move and separate and talk about how the water separates from the oil but the oil needs the water to make the interesting shapes. We need Jesus to satisfy our soul and so we can be with God.

Finish off with the following prayer and then say the Lord's Prayer

Dear Father, we thank you for sending Jesus, the Living Water. We pray that each one here today will drink of that Living Water so that they will never thirst again. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

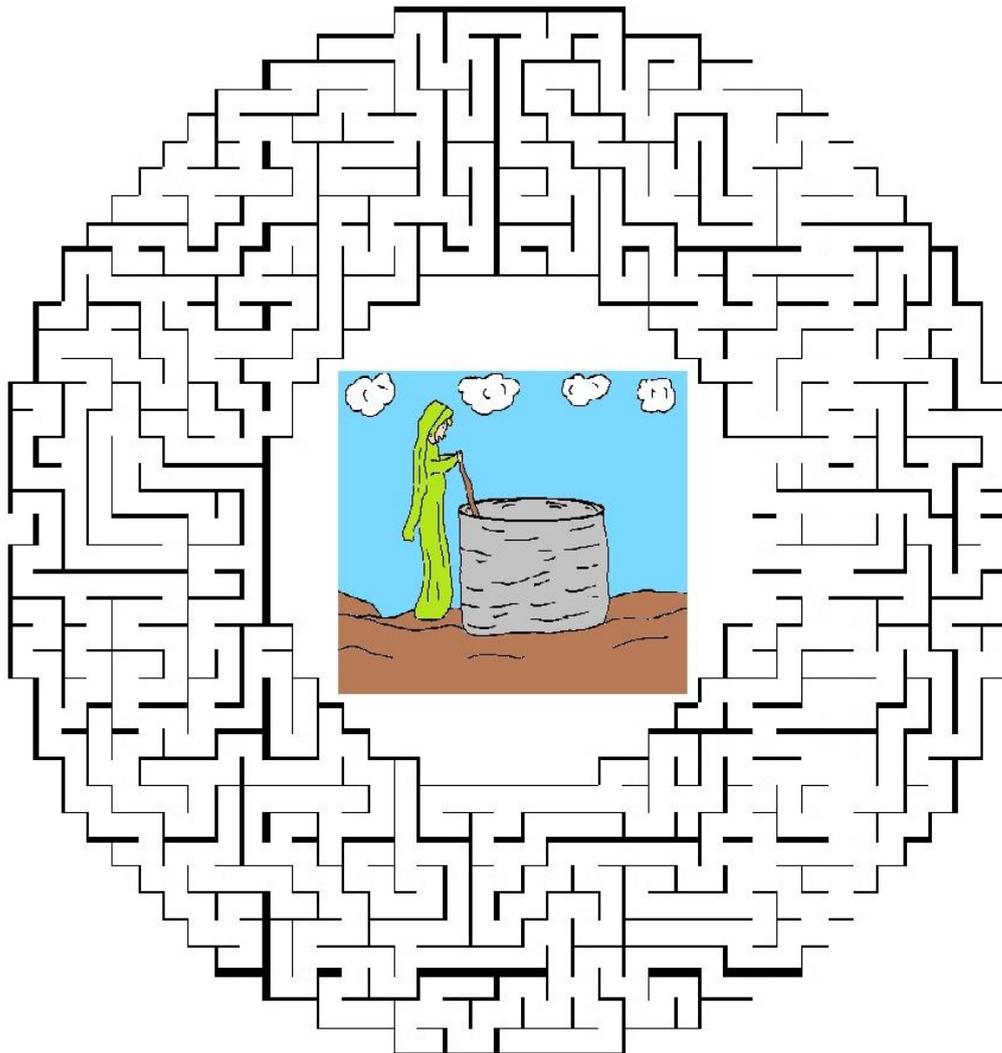


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Compare these two pictures. There are 11 differences can you find them all?

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Remember Jesus said, **“Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life.”** John chapter 4 verses 13 and 14