

The BIBLE STORY

Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Set the scene:** Use props such as a chair or bench as the edge of a well, a bucket, and a large water pot.
- **Use dramatic dialogue:** Stand in one spot when telling Jesus' words. Then turn and face that spot as you speak the woman's words.

Jesus Met a Samaritan Woman

John 4:1-42

Jesus had been making disciples in Judea, and His disciples baptized people. Now Jesus had more followers than John the Baptist. **Jesus began traveling back to Galilee. He traveled through Samaria and stopped in a town at the well. Jesus' disciples went into town to buy food.**

While Jesus was at the well, a Samaritan woman came to get water from the well.

"Give Me a drink," Jesus said to the woman.

The woman was surprised. "You're a Jew," she said. "Why are You talking to me? I'm a Samaritan."

Jesus said, "I asked you for a drink. You don't know who I am. If you did, you would have asked Me for a drink, and I would give you living water."

The woman was confused. "Sir," she said, "This well is deep, and You don't have a bucket. Where do You get this 'living water'?"

Jesus said, "Anyone who drinks this well water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water I give will never, ever get thirsty again! In fact, the water I give will become a well inside you, and you will have eternal life." Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, but the woman did not understand.

"Sir," she said, "give me this water. If I'm not thirsty, I won't have to keep coming to this well to get water."

"Go get your husband," Jesus said.

"I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

Jesus knew she was telling the truth. He said, "You don't have a husband now, but you've had five husbands."

Jesus was right. “I see You are a prophet,” the woman said. Maybe this prophet could explain something to her. She said, “The Samaritans worship here on a mountain, but the Jews say we need to worship at the temple in Jerusalem.”

Jesus said, “Soon you will not need to be in either of those places to worship God in spirit and in truth.”

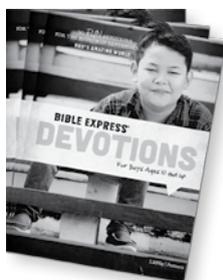
The woman said, **“I know the Messiah is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.”**

Then Jesus said, **“He is talking to you now. I am the Messiah.”**

The woman left and told the people in her town, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?”

Many Samaritans believed in Jesus because of what the woman said. They asked Jesus to stay with them, and He stayed for two days. Many more believed because of what Jesus said. They told the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world.”

Christ Connection: Jesus offered the woman something no one else could give her—living water. Jesus wasn't talking about water that she could physically drink; Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit who would satisfy her spiritual thirst. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to those who come to Him by faith.



**WANT TO
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GOD'S WORD?
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BIBLE EXPRESS!**

Invite kids to check out this week's devotionals to discover that the Samaritan woman went home to tell others about Jesus. Peter and John later said that Christians can't help but share the good news! (Acts 4:20) Order in bulk, subscribe quarterly, or purchase individually. For more information, check out www.lifeway.com/devotionals.

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:18.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus. Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.

Water You Doing?

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INSTRUCTIONS: Draw or write as many different uses for water as you can think of.



KEY PASSAGE: John 14:6

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Who did Jesus say He is? Jesus said He is the Messiah.

BIBLE STORY:

JESUS MET A SAMARITAN WOMAN

- Jesus asked a woman for water in Samaria.
- The woman was confused that Jesus would talk to her.
- Jesus said He could give her living water.
- Jesus told the Samaritan woman He is the Messiah.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What is “living water?”
- How can we get “living water?”
- Whom can we tell about this amazing living water?

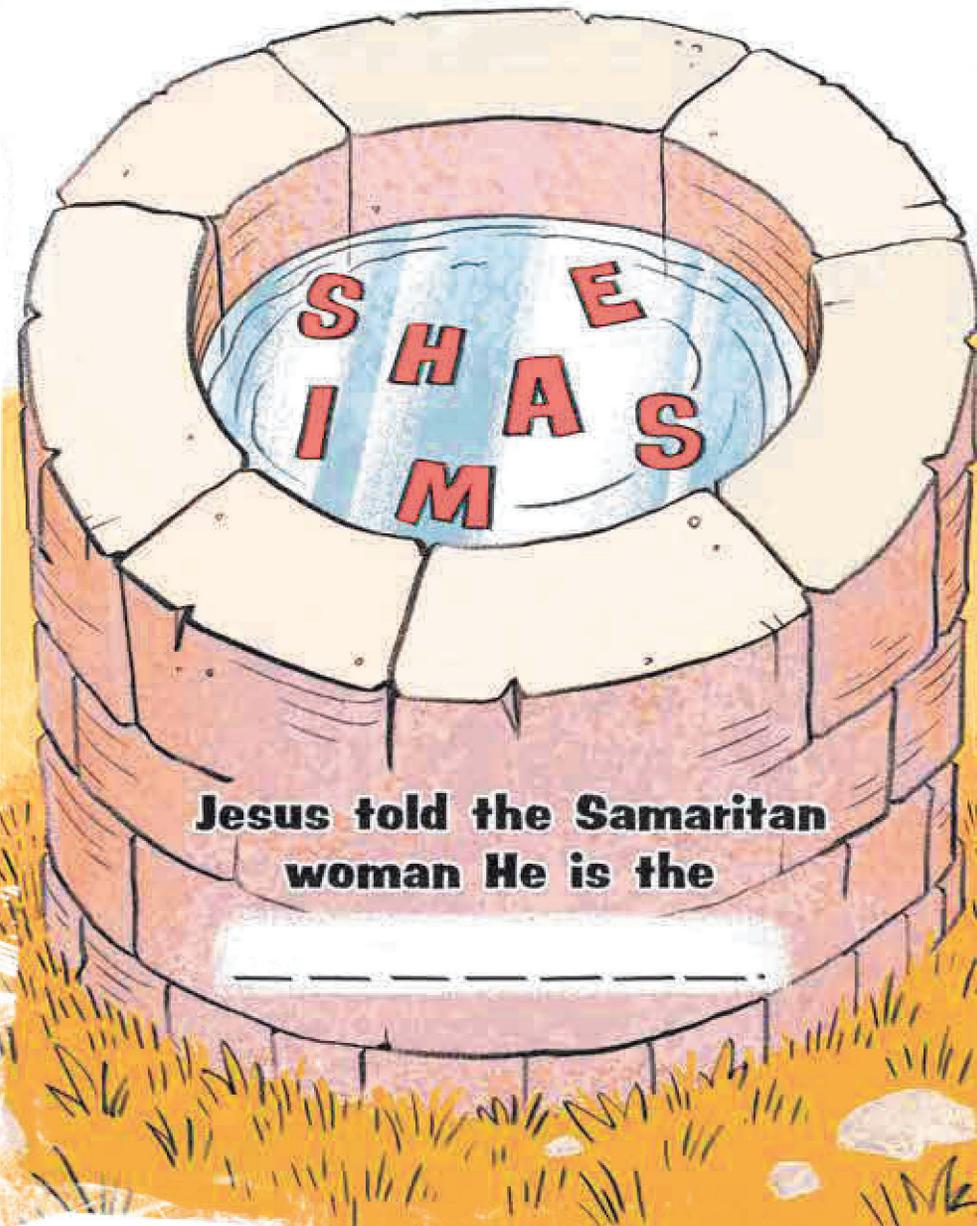
FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Get your kids to help install water-conservation and high-efficiency devices in your home. Talk about the importance of water as a resource and how we can steward it wisely. Discuss the unending supply of “living water” Jesus provides and how it becomes a spring inside us.

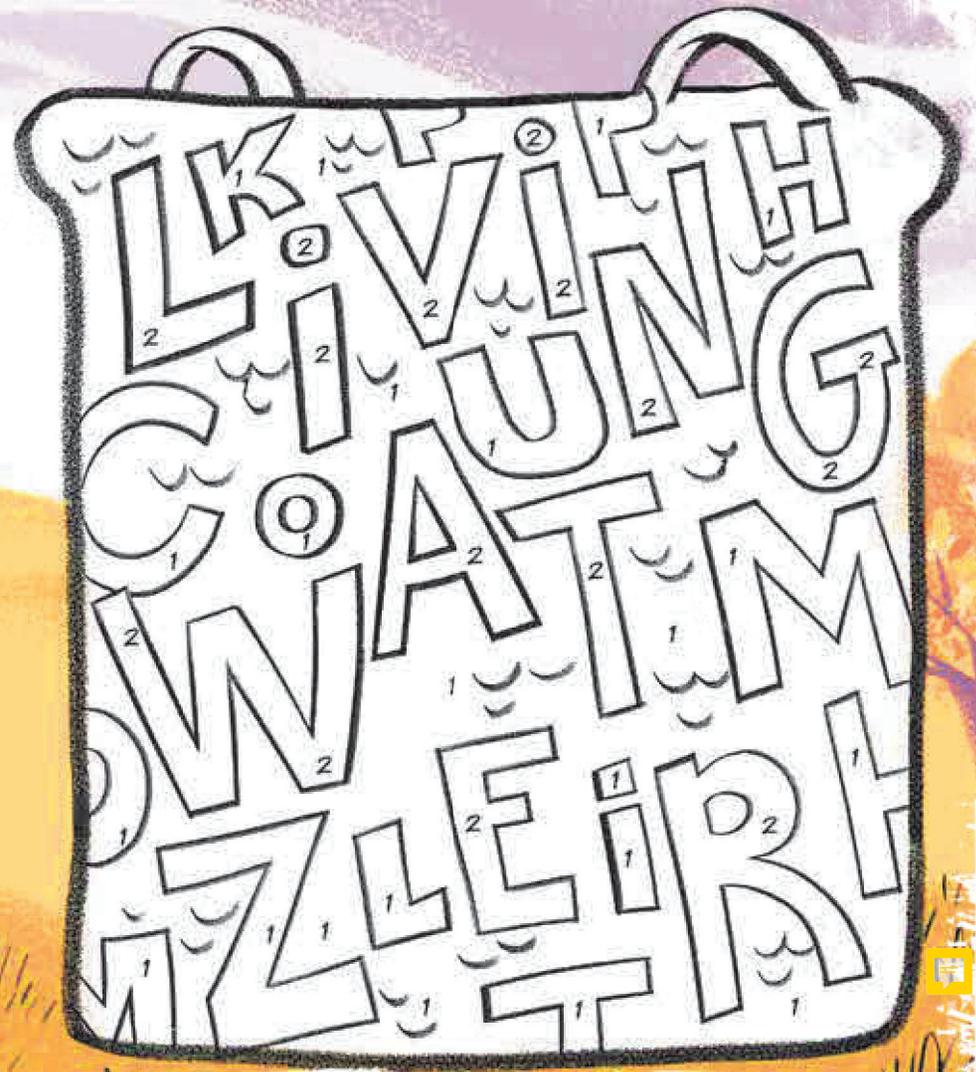
Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 21, Session 3

Well Words

List the words you can spell from the letters in the well. Use the letters to complete the main point of today's Bible story.



Jesus told the Samaritan woman He is the



Never Thirst Again

Jesus offered the woman something no one else could give her. Color the 1 spaces blue and the 2 spaces yellow.

What did Jesus say He could give the woman?

