

Woman at the Well

John 4:5-42

Sit everyone down together with your Bibles. Insist that everyone take a big, long drink of water before you get started!

Say: A few minutes ago, we tasted water. We are used to turning on a faucet and having water gush out whenever we want it. But in other parts of the world, people have to walk a long way to get even one jug of water.

Water is very important to life. In fact, our bodies are made up of 70 percent water! How much water do you drink in a day? Let kids respond. How many times do you wash your hands or brush your teeth each day? Let kids respond. How many baths do you take a week? Pause for responses. All of these activities take water—and lots of it!

Imagine what it would be like to meet Jesus while shopping in a grocery store or visiting a library. That's kind of what happened to the Samaritan woman in our Bible text today. She was out doing her daily chores, which included getting water from the local well, when Jesus spoke to her. Let's read the story Woman at the Well in our Bibles and find out what happened next!

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The Samaritan woman didn't know who Jesus was—not at first. But little by little, as Jesus talked to her, she was able to start putting pieces together. Pretty soon, the woman was able to see the whole picture: Jesus was the Messiah! Use the puzzle attached to this lesson. Cut out the puzzle pieces and hand them out, one by one. **I'm going to give each of you a few pieces of this puzzle. Each shape has some Bible story words written on it. After we all get our pieces, we'll take turns saying the words on our pieces out loud for everyone to hear.** Pass out puzzle pieces, and invite your family to say their words out loud.

Now let's work to put this puzzle together! Work the puzzle together. We did it! Now, everything fits together. The words on our puzzle are: Jewish, traveler, loves enemies, forgives, knows all about you, friend to all, speaks to Samaritans, gives living water, brings new life, Messiah. Now can you see the whole picture? Who do these words describe? Talk about it. Right— Jesus! Just like the Samaritan woman, when we put all the pieces together, we understand who Jesus is. He is God's own Son, the Messiah!

Have a brief conversation about the story. Ask these questions:

1. **Who did the Samaritan woman meet at the well? (*Jesus*)**
2. **What did Jesus say that he would give the woman? (*living water*)**

3. **How would you feel if Jesus visited you at home or school?** Affirm all responses.

Look at the Family Pages for more conversation starters and ideas!