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JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

GAME TIME

BUILD A WELL

Punch holes near the rim of a plastic cup and thread a long string through. Explain that a well is a hole in the ground often surrounded by rocks or bricks. In Bible times, people got water from a well by using a bucket. Invite child(ren) to build a well with blocks and practice lowering and retrieving the cup from the well.

SAY: *Before we had pipes and faucets, people got their water from a well with a bucket. Usually, women did this hard job. One time, Jesus stopped at a well, but He didn't have a bucket to get water. He was waiting to talk to a certain woman there. We will find out more in our Bible story today!*

BIBLE STORY

John 4

Jesus had been teaching in the land of Judea. When it was time to leave, Jesus and His disciples traveled toward the land of Galilee. They traveled right through Samaria. He stopped at one of the towns where there was a well. Jesus stayed at the well, and His disciples went into town to buy food.

A woman who lived in Samaria came to the well to get water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

The woman was surprised. Jews did not like Samaritans! "Why are you talking to me?" she asked. "I am a Samaritan."

Jesus said, "If you knew who I am, you would have asked Me for a drink. I would give you living water."

The woman was confused. Jesus did not have any water with Him. He did not even have a bucket to get water out of the well.

The woman asked, "Sir, where do You get 'living water'?"

Jesus said, "Anyone who drinks the water from this well will be thirsty again, but anyone who drinks the water I give will never get thirsty again!" That sounded wonderful! But Jesus wasn't talking about actual water. He was talking about God's Spirit. Whoever has God's Spirit will have eternal life.

SHOOTING SPRINKLER

If weather permits, play with your family in the yard with a sprinkler. Talk to your kids about the way the water fills the hose before shooting out of the sprinkler. Ask them to think of ways to "shoot out" God's love onto others.



The woman did not understand. "Sir, I want living water," she said. "Then I will not have to keep coming to this well to get water with my bucket."

"Go get your husband," Jesus said.

The woman replied, "I do not have a husband."

Jesus knew she was telling the truth. Jesus knew everything about the woman. The woman could tell Jesus was wise, so she asked Him a question about worshiping God. Then she said, "I know the Messiah is coming. He will explain everything to us."

Jesus said, "I am the Messiah."

The woman left and told the people in her town what had happened. Many people believed in Jesus because of what the woman said. Jesus stayed in the town for two days, and many more people believed in Him. The people said, "We have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world."

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Jesus is different from other people. Jesus loves everyone, and He came to give people a free gift: salvation from sin. When we trust in Jesus, we worship Him as our Lord and Savior.