



Unit 4, Lesson 14

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY: JESUS AND THE WOMAN AT THE WELL JOHN 4:1-42

THE STORY HOME

Walking on hot, dry, dusty roads toward Galilee, Jesus is thirsty and stops at a well. There, He meets a Samaritan woman who had come to draw water. Back then a huge intolerance between Jews (Jesus' race) and Samaritans kept them separated. They did not associate with each other. To her surprise, Jesus talks kindly to the woman and asks for a drink of water. He even tells her what He knows about her life and history. She later comes to realize that He is the Messiah, God's one and only Son. Jesus starts teaching her about "living water." Her curiosity is provoked—she asks where to get "living water." Being a terrific teacher, Jesus uses this well as His object lesson explaining that God gives us eternal life not drawn here on earth. It's ours for the asking. Because He took time talking with the woman about the kingdom of God, she believed! Then she actively tells many other Samaritans who also believe. Review this lengthy, but important, Bible lesson in John 4:1-42.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Have you ever taken a long walk on hot dirt or sand? Did you get thirsty?
- I wonder how the Samaritan woman felt when Jesus spent time talking to her at the well.
- I wonder why Samaritans and Jews were not friends.
- It was her testimony to friends that convinced them to believe in Jesus as the Son of God. Tell about a time when you shared God's love and forgiveness with others.

TOGETHER HOME

The Fun Well: In lieu of a deep well, use an empty canister or jar and decorate it. Throughout the week, drop extra change or coins you find into the canister to spend on a family trip to buy special beverages like shakes or smoothies. While quenching your thirst review the Bible story and Jesus' patient and purposeful teaching to the Samaritan woman at the well.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

Race to repeat our memory verse, "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets," (Matthew 7:12). The family member who says it first and fully may choose a fun family activity, table game to play together, lead the meal-time prayer, or pick out a bedtime story.

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