

SUMMER IN THE SON: *Lessons from the Life of Christ*

Week 3 • July 9 • Jesus Met a Samaritan Woman (John 4:1-26, 39-42)

Theme: Jesus Offers living water/eternal life

Jesus offered the Samaritan woman at the well 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 and offer eternal life. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to those who come to Him by faith. In John 4, Jesus shows us that the kingdom of God is meant to reach all the peoples of the world—Jew and Gentile, male and female. Being a Samaritan meant that the woman's ancestors came from both Jews and non-Jews, thus causing many in her time to consider her unclean. The woman's surprise that Jesus, a Jew, would even speak to her is expressed in John 4:9. Nevertheless, Jesus proves that people such as her can be a part of God's kingdom by His offering of living water/eternal life.

Family Devotion

Materials: salty snack, iced water

Do: Offer the salty snack as your kids arrive to devotional time (Save the water for the end).

Big Question: What does Jesus offer? Jesus offers Living Water which is eternal life/salvation.

Read: John 4:1-26; have family members share the roles of narrator, Jesus, the woman, town's people, and disciples.

Ask: "How did the Jews relate to the Samaritans?" Recall in the Bible story how the Jews avoided them. They did not talk to Samaritans or even travel through their towns; instead they walked great distances to avoid them. Read John 4:10 from your Bible. Remind your kids how she thought He was referring to the water in the well. This was not what Jesus meant, though, because one would still get thirsty after drinking it.

Ask: "What was Jesus referring to when he said, 'living water?'"

1. Where did Jesus stop during His journey to Galilee? (*at a well in Samaria, John 4:3-6*)
2. Whom did Jesus meet at the well? (*a Samaritan woman, John 4:7*)
3. What did Jesus say to the woman? (*"Give Me a drink," John 4:7*)
4. Why was the woman surprised that Jesus was talking to her? (*Jesus was a Jew, and she was a Samaritan; John 4:9*)
5. What kind of water did Jesus say He could give the woman? (*living water, John 4:10*)
6. Whom did Jesus tell the woman to bring to the well? (*her husband, John 4:16*)
7. Who did the woman know was coming? (*the Messiah, John 4:25*)
8. Who did Jesus tell the woman He is? (*the Messiah, John 4:26*)
9. **What does Jesus offer? Jesus offers eternal life.**

Connect the living water to the forgiveness of sins. Jesus offered this "living water" to the Samaritan woman. She did not need another cup of drinking water, but rather she needed the Holy Spirit which Jesus gives to those who come to Him by faith. Her spiritual thirst (and yours) could only be quenched by a relationship with Jesus. Provide iced water to your thirsty kids.

Pray: Thank God, that when you come to faith in Jesus you will never thirst again. Continue to pray for those family members who have not yet come to faith in Jesus.