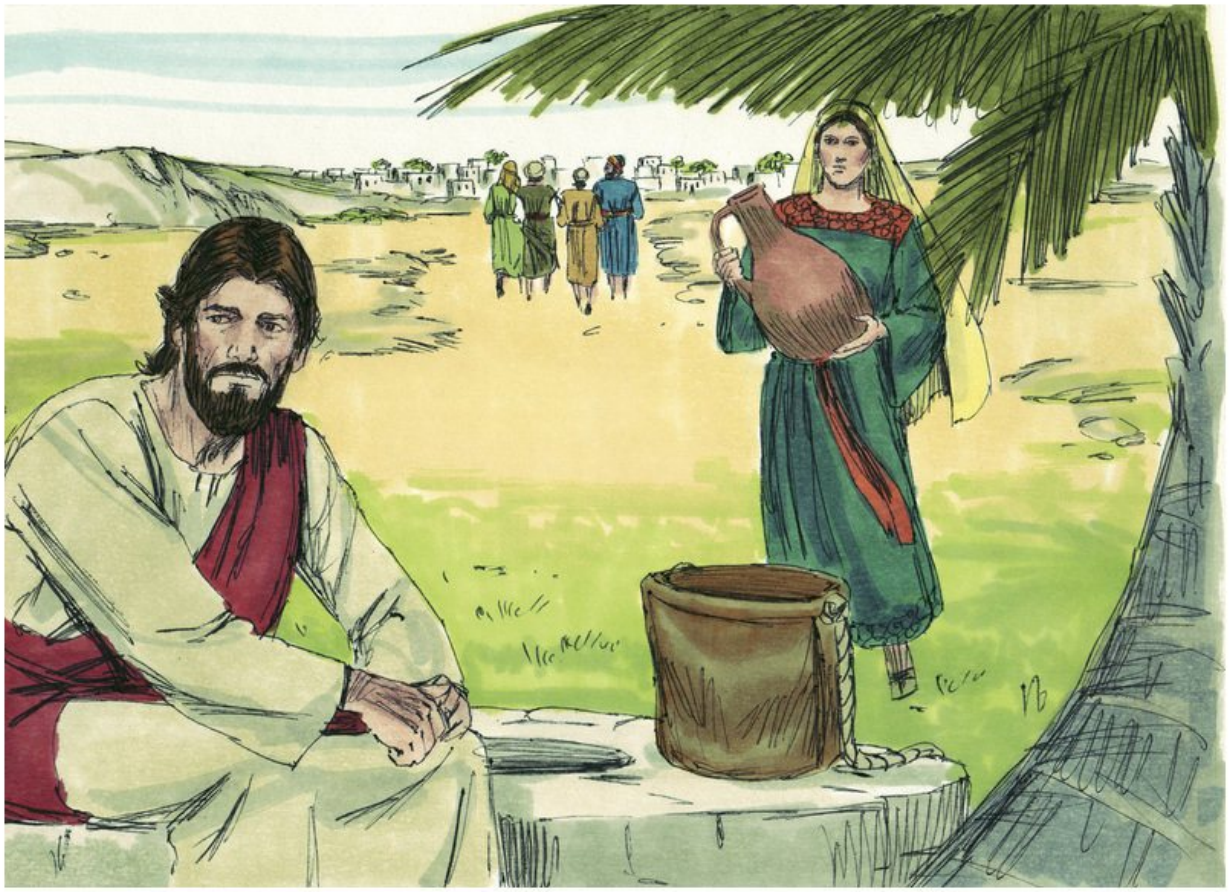
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Jesus Talks with a Woman at a Well

John 4:1-42



YOUR BIBLE READING

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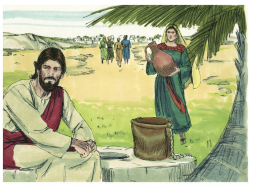
Inside: two extended reading pages, a thoughtful reflection, creative activities and a grown-up guide.

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A Conversation at Jacob's Well

John 4:1-42



Jesus was traveling from Judea toward Galilee through Samaria. Near the Samaritan town of Sychar was Jacob's well. Tired from the journey, Jesus sat there while his disciples went into town to buy food. A woman came to draw water, and Jesus asked her for a drink. The beginning is ordinary and personal: a traveler is thirsty, and a woman has come to a place where water can be drawn.

She was surprised that a Jewish man would ask a Samaritan woman for water. Relations between their peoples were strained, yet Jesus continued the conversation. He told her that, if she knew God's gift and who was speaking to her, she would ask him for living water. She pointed out that he had nothing for drawing water and that the well was deep. Was he greater than Jacob, who had given them the well?

Jesus explained that people who drank the well's water would become thirsty again. The water he gave would become a spring within a person, rising into eternal life. The woman asked for this water so she would not keep getting thirsty or coming to the well. Her answer shows how she first understood the promise. Jesus was using the need for water to lead her toward the greater gift of life from God.

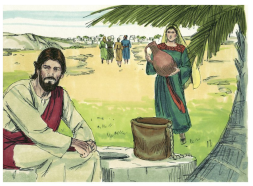
Their conversation then touched her own life. Jesus asked her to call her husband. When she said she had none, he acknowledged her truthful answer and spoke of her past marriages and present situation. The account does not explain how those losses and changes happened. It gives no basis for inventing a shameful story about her. She recognized Jesus as a prophet and raised a serious question about where people should worship God.

Remember: Jesus offers life and welcomes people others overlook.

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A Town Comes to Listen

John 4:1-42



The woman spoke of worship on the Samaritan mountain and the Jewish focus on Jerusalem. Jesus answered that a time was coming when worship would not be confined to that choice of places. True worshipers would worship the Father in spirit and truth. God is spirit. When she said the Messiah would explain everything, Jesus identified himself as the one speaking with her. The conversation had moved from a request for water to his identity.

The disciples returned and were surprised that Jesus was talking with a woman, though they did not question him about it. She left her water jar and went into town, inviting people to meet the man who knew her life. She asked whether he could be the Messiah. Her invitation drew others toward him. The person who had come to the well for water was now bringing her community into a conversation about Jesus.

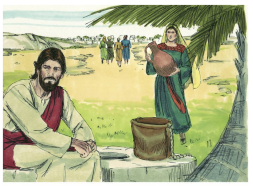
Meanwhile, the disciples urged Jesus to eat. He spoke of food they did not know, explaining that doing the will of the one who sent him and completing his work sustained him. He also used the picture of a harvest. Others had labored, and they were entering that work, gathering fruit for eternal life. The images helped them look beyond the meal in their hands toward the people coming and the work before them.

Many Samaritans believed because of the woman’s testimony. When they came, they asked Jesus to stay, and he remained two days. Many more believed after hearing him themselves. They told the woman that their trust now rested on what they had heard, recognizing him as the Savior of the world. Her witness had mattered, and their own listening mattered too. The story ends with a welcome across an old boundary and a community hearing Jesus for itself.

Pause and think: What could help you begin a respectful conversation with someone whose background differs from yours?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Respect Across a Boundary



Jesus listened and answered a woman whose people were often kept at a distance from his own. He did not treat her questions as unworthy of attention. In our lives, respectful conversation can begin with someone who speaks another language, comes from another country, or has different customs. We can ask genuine questions and listen without deciding beforehand that the person has nothing important to say.

Jesus knew the woman's history, but the passage does not tell us why her marriages ended. We should not fill that gap with blame. People's family stories can include sorrow and circumstances we do not know. A person is more than a rumor about their home. The woman is shown as thoughtful, truthful, and willing to invite others to consider what she has discovered.

The townspeople first heard her report and then listened for themselves. Learning can grow through another person's invitation without stopping there. You can bring your questions to trusted adults, read the passage, and think carefully. Respectful witness makes room for people to hear and respond. It does not require pressure or a refusal to let someone ask an honest question.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jesus offered truth and living hope across a social boundary, and the woman's witness invited others to listen.

What could help you begin a respectful conversation with someone whose background differs from yours?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. Why was the woman surprised Jesus spoke with her?

2. What did she do after their conversation?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ The woman invites her town, and many believe.
- ☐ He reveals that he is the Messiah.
- ☐ Jesus speaks with a woman at the well.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the well and the woman inviting her neighbors to meet Jesus.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Jesus offers life and welcomes people others overlook.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: John 4:14,26

A thoughtful conversation

Do not label the woman immoral or say why her marriages ended; John does not explain those circumstances. Jewish and Samaritan tensions are context, not a judgment about either people today.

Activity answers

1. He was Jewish, she was Samaritan, and their communities were divided.
2. She invited people in her town to come and meet Jesus.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, help us listen respectfully and welcome people from different communities. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

Sources and sharing

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