



# John

## Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

Lesson #4  
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**Lesson Objective:** Jesus gives us living water so that we will never thirst again.

### **Arrival Partner Poll**

Supplies: paper, pencils

Give each person a piece of paper and a pencil. Each person gets one person they have to answer the question about. Number papers from 1 to 10. Give the 10 questions, everyone should write down the answers they think best apply to their person. Then read the questions again and allow each person to share their answers about their person.

*Suggested Prompts: 1. favorite color; 2. Favorite store; 3. birthday; 4. Last food they ate; 5. favorite food; 6. favorite season; 7. favorite song; 8. height; 9. Favorite animal; 10. Favorite school subject*

### **Connect To activity to the lesson:**

How well do you know other people? How well do you know Jesus? How well does Jesus know you? He seemed to know everything about the woman in our lesson today. Let's see how that impacted her and those around her.

**WORSHIP** - Choose 2-3 songs to worship together as a family.

### **Introduction:**

At the time Jesus was on earth, Jews and Samaritans didn't get along. The strife between the two groups stretched back hundreds of years, to the Babylonian exile. When the Babylonians attacked Judah, they moved a large group of God's people away from their homes. But some of the people—the poorest, sickest, least able to work—were left behind in the region that became known as Samaria. The exile lasted 70 years.

During that time, those left in Samaria began to mingle with their neighbors to the north. They intermarried and practiced foreign customs. While the Samaritans still believed in God, they adapted foreign beliefs as well. The Jews who returned home from Babylon to rebuild God's temple in Jerusalem rejected this new way of life. They were dedicated to obeying and worshiping God, so they didn't agree with the Samaritans' practices. The Samaritans opposed the Jews' efforts to reestablish their nation. In time, the Jews' hate for the Samaritans grew—so much so that a Jew traveling from Judea to Galilee would take a longer route to travel around Samaria rather than through it.

### **VIDEO: "Jesus and the Samaritan Woman"** (Video Transcript)

Jesus and His disciples traveled through Samaria and stopped in a town with a well. Jesus' disciples went into town to buy food. While Jesus was at the well, a Samaritan woman came to get water from the well. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." The woman was surprised. "Why are You talking to me?" she asked. "You're a Jew, and I'm a Samaritan." Jesus said, "I asked you for a drink. You don't know who I am. If you did, you would have asked Me for a drink, and I would give you living water." The woman was confused. She said, "Sir, this well is deep, and You don't have a bucket. Where do You get this 'living water'?" Jesus said, "Anyone who drinks this well water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water I give will never be thirsty again! In fact, the water I give will become a well inside you, and you will have eternal life." Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, but the woman did not understand. "Sir," she said, "give me this water. If I'm not thirsty, I won't have to keep coming to this well to get water." "Go get your husband," Jesus said. "I don't have a husband," the woman replied.

Jesus knew she was telling the truth. He said, "You don't have a husband now, but you've had five husbands." Jesus was right. "I see You are a prophet," the woman said. "The Samaritans worship here on a mountain, but the Jews say we need to worship at the temple in Jerusalem." Jesus said, "Soon you will not need to be in either of those places to

worship God in spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know the Messiah is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus said, “I am the Messiah.” The woman left and told the people in her town, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?” Many Samaritans believed in Jesus because of what the woman said. Jesus stayed in their town for two days. Many more believed because of what Jesus said. They told the woman, “We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world.”

*Christ Connection: Jesus offers something better than physical water; He gives us Himself. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who comes to Him by faith. We can worship Him as Lord and Savior wherever we are.*

**Read – John 4**

**Debrief:**

**What is living water? Where does it come from?** *(Jesus offered living water to the Samaritan woman. The living water Jesus was talking about is salvation through Him. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to those who trust in Him. He saves us from our sins and gives us eternal life.)*

**Why is sharing your testimony important?** *(Help kids recognize the power of the Samaritan woman’s testimony. She told others in her town what Jesus had done, and they believed in Him. Emphasize that everyone can tell others what God has done in his or her life. Jesus calls us to build relationships with others and tell them the good news of the gospel.)*

**What are some ways you can show love to others? How can you remember to put others first?** *(Allow kids to share their ideas for practically serving others. Suggest kids paint one fingernail a bright color, wear their watch upside-down, apply a sticker to a place they’ll see frequently (such as the toe of a shoe). When kids see the paint, watch, or sticker, they can remember to live with an others-first attitude.)*

**Apply the Story:**

Jesus broke down barriers when He traveled to Galilee by way of Samaria. Even more surprising, Jesus stopped at a well around noon and asked a Samaritan woman for a drink. Jewish men did not speak to women in public. But Jesus was kind to her, and He offered her a gift: living water. The woman didn’t understand, but Jesus revealed His knowledge of her past. He even gave her a glimpse of the future. The Samaritan woman expected a Messiah to come and fix everything. Jesus said, “I am He.” Explain to kids that the living water Jesus offers is the Holy Spirit. (See John 7:37-39.) The Holy Spirit is a gift that He is eager to give us when we ask Him. Those who receive His grace will never be thirsty again.

**Momentum Moment:** *Watercolors*

Supplies: watercolors, brushes, art paper

Provide everyone with paper and a paintbrush. Instruct, share the watercolors and to dip their brushes in a cup of water between using any two colors. Give enough time to paint a picture of whatever they would like to paint.

*Say: The watercolors are beautiful, but they didn’t really work as paint until we added water to them. Today we learned about a kind of water Jesus said He would add to our lives to allow us to live for Him. Your picture will help remind you of this water Jesus offers us.*

**Close with a prayer:** Let each person take a moment to say a one sentence prayer.