

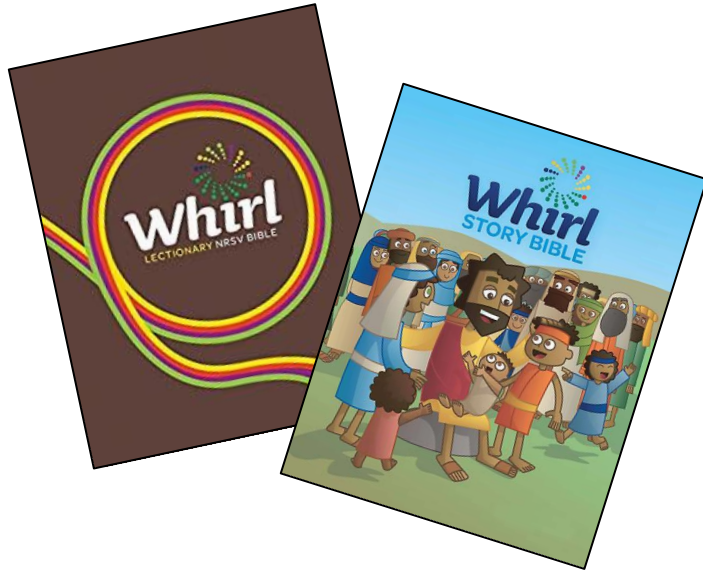
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,
Brookfield, CT
Sunday School, March 15, 2020

Bible Readings
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Activity

LENT 3 • YEAR A

JOHN 4: 5-42

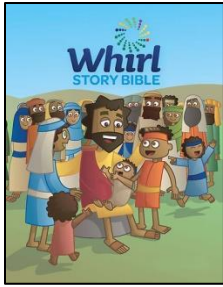
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Bible Reading – John 4: 5-42

- PreK-K use Story Bible (cartoon image)
- 1-3 grades find the story in the NSRV bible (brown) and then read from Story Bible
- 4-6 grades use the NSRV bible

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Living on Living Water

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Jesus kicked the dust from his sandals. He plopped down on the edge of a well in Samaria.

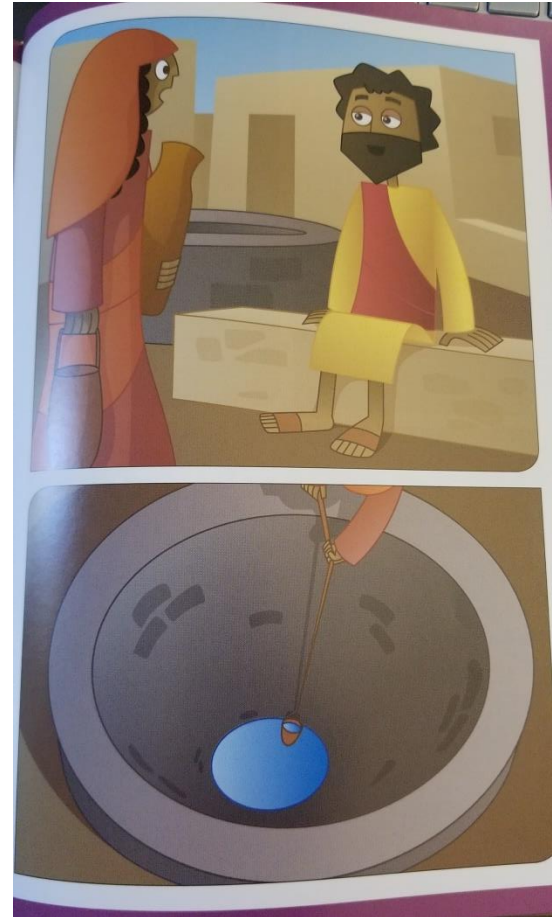
A Samaritan woman lowered her bucket down, down, down into the well. Then she pulled it up, up, up, filled with water. She poured the water into a jar.

Jesus shielded his eyes from the hot sun. “Please give me a drink,” he said to the woman.

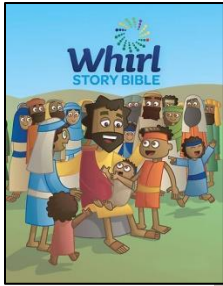
The woman jumped and gasped in surprise. Jewish people didn’t talk to Samaritans! Jewish people didn’t LIKE Samaritans.

“Why would YOU ask ME for water?” she asked. “I’m a Samaritan.”

“It’s very hot, and I’ve walked a LONG way. I’m thirsty,” Jesus replied.



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Jesus touched the jar full of water. “This water is good for the body. But I can give you LIVING water. Water that will fill you up with God’s LOVE! You will never be thirsty again.”

“But you don’t even have a bucket,” the woman replied. “How are you going to get it?”

“I AM the living water,” Jesus said.

Jesus told the woman all he knew about her. He told her details she didn’t expect a stranger to know.

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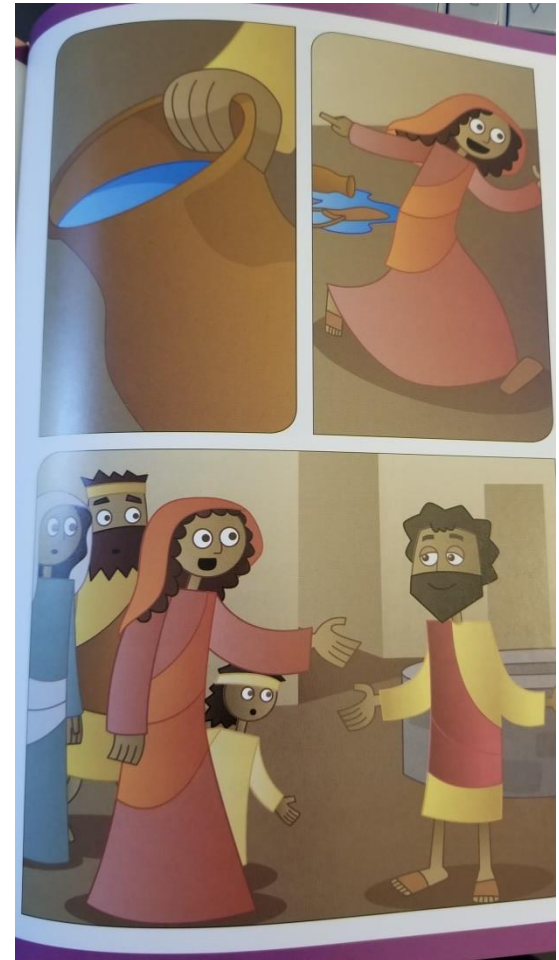
Who knows all about you?

“I don’t understand how you know these things,” she said. “But I do know the Messiah is coming.”

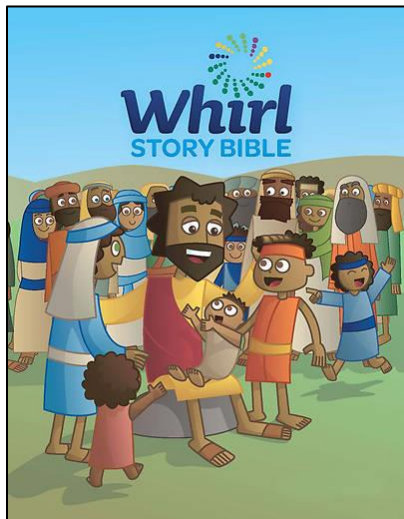
“That’s me!” Jesus exclaimed. “I am the Messiah!”

The woman’s eyes grew wide with amazement. She raced to tell the people in her town. Running through the streets, she shouted, “Come and see!”

Many people followed the woman to meet Jesus.



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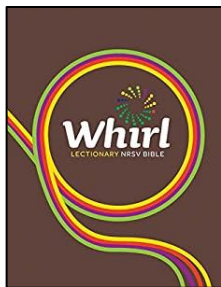


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Ask these questions after you read the story:

- Whom did Jesus ask for water?
- Why was the woman surprised?
- In Jesus' time, Jewish people and Samaritans did not get along. How can people today get along with each other?
- What do you think living water is?
- The woman told everyone about Jesus! Whom can you tell about Jesus?

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JESUS AND THE WOMAN OF SAMARIA

4 Now when Jesus^f learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John”²—although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized—³he left Judea and started back to Galilee. ⁴But he had to go through Samaria. ⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob

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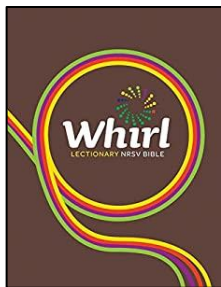
had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” ¹¹The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?” ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” ¹³Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water

that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” ¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” ¹⁷The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” ¹⁹The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you^b say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” ²¹Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for

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salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he," the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, ^b can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

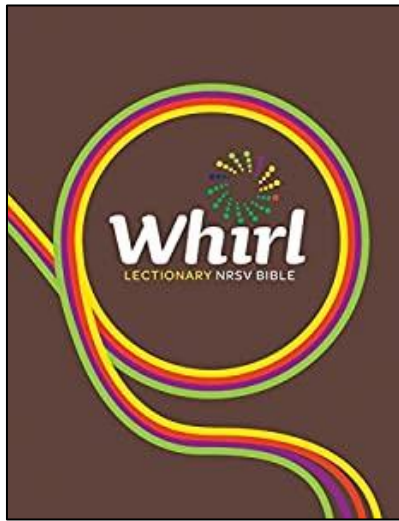
their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving^c wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans

came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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Ask these questions after you read the story:

- How might it feel to realize Jesus knows you, even though he has never met you?
- Where do people go to be together in your community?
- If this story happened today, where might Jesus meet the Samaritan woman?
- What do you drink when you are really thirsty?
- Who offers you unconditional love and acceptance?

Activity

Jesus knew everything about the Samaritan woman, and even though she had made many mistakes in her life, Jesus loved her.

How do you know Jesus loves you?

On a sheet of paper, make a sign with a message to remind your family about Jesus' love.

Tape your sign above a sink anywhere water is used at home.

Want more options? There are lots of crafts on Pinterest!

Prayer

**Jesus, you know everything
about us and love us anyway.
Thank you. Amen.**