

Bible Lesson: Are You Thirsty? (John 4)

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Lesson Title: Thirsty? (Woman at the Well)

Bible Passage: John 4:7-10; 13-14

Bottom Line: Like water satisfies the body, Jesus satisfies the soul.

OPENING GAME – HUNGRY?

Supplies — Signs that say: Family, School, Sports, Shopping, T.V., Online Activity, Video Games. Feel free to modify this list based on your specific preteen group.

Put one of the following snacks in each bowl and spread them throughout the room:

- Goldfish Snacks
- Raisins
- Skittles*
- M & M's*
- CoCo Puffs*
- Rice Chex Mix
- Graham Crackers
- Cheez-Its
- Suckers*
- 1 Plastic cup per student
- Sharpies for students to write their names

* Feel free to substitute healthier options or come up with your own snack items.

How to play: Pass out plastic cups to preteens and tell them to write their names on it with a sharpie. When you say go, students go around the room and fill up their cups with snacks. They choose what to fill their cup up with based on the signs, not their preference in snacks. They should look at the signs and take the amount of snack for each one based on what they fill up their time doing. Give students about 5-10 minutes fill up their cups. When all the students are complete, have them sit down with their cups filled. Take a few minutes to ask the students what they picked and why.

Next, say: I want you all to think about something. Where is God in all of this? We often fill our time doing everything else except spending time with God. Now, the activity wasn't completely fair because "God" wasn't on one of the signs. But that was on purpose. Why? Because that is what we often do. Other than coming to church, God doesn't fit in our

schedule. We spend time doing everything else. We would much prefer spending time online, with friends, playing sports or video games...or whatever else you spend your time doing.

Today, we're going to talk about why it is important to fill our lives with God.

TEACH

Supplies

- Box of saltine crackers
- Four bottles of water
- Optional – free countdown video from freecountdownvideos.net (choose one you link) or upbeat background music.

Thirsty? video – <http://www.godtube.com/watch/?v=J10MBJNU>. The video is free. You can download it to show students (click the download button below the video) or simply stream it from the above URL if you have internet access in your room.

Today we are going to explore a conversation Jesus had with a Samaritan woman. Jesus went out of his way to talk to her, which was looked down upon for a couple of reasons. First, she had a bad reputation in town. Second, she was a Samaritan, and Jews didn't like Samaritans because they were looked up as second-class people. Jews thought they were better than them.

Let's dive into the story.

Read John 4:7-9:

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink? (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Read John 4:10; 13-14:

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Jesus was using water as an illustration. Like water satisfies the body, a relationship with Jesus satisfies the soul. Let's break this concept down in small chunks.

First, water satisfies the body.

Try going a day or two without drinking any liquid containing water. In fact, your body can go days and weeks without food, but can only go a few days without water. Your body is made up of mostly water and needs a steady supply of it to function.

I need four volunteers to come upfront for a cracker eating challenge. If you want to be picked, you have to like crackers.

(Choose four volunteers)

(Optional – During the competition, play a countdown video from freecountdowns.net. Another option is to play upbeat background music.)

(Get out the box of saltine crackers. Have preteens stand near the box. Place four bottles of water near the crackers.)

The four of you are going to race and see who can eat the most saltine crackers in two minutes. Whoever completely swallows the most crackers wins. You might notice the water bottles near the crackers. Well, you can't have any water. Sorry. The rest of you in the audience, your job is to cheer for all four of them. Make some noise.

Ready, set, go!

After the competition congratulate the winner.

Say – I have a question for all four of you. What does your mouth feel like right now? (Get responses) How thirsty are you? (Get responses) What would you think if I said you couldn't have any water till after church? (Get responses) Well, that wouldn't be fair of me, would it? I can see you're very thirsty, so each of you, go ahead and take a bottle of water to drink. Enjoy! You can go back to your seats now.

[Volunteers return to their seats]

We need water to survive. That's why water was the starting point of Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman. What exactly was the point he was trying to make?

Like water satisfies the body, Jesus satisfies the soul. We have a soul, which is basically the part of us that will live forever. It is the deepest part of ourselves that motivates us to do everything that we do. Like our body needs nourishment, our soul needs it too. Our soul craves something, but often we don't realize what it is that our soul needs. This thirst will motivate us to fill our soul with things like being popular, having good looks, having a lot of cool stuff, being #1 at sports or other activities, being a rock star at video games and so on.

Now, most of those things I just listed aren't bad by themselves. But when we they consume us, they are bad. When we go to them to feed our souls, we're missing out on something big.

The only thing that can satisfy our souls is a relationship with God. When we decide to follow Jesus, the relationship begins. Then, we continually go to Jesus to satisfy our souls.

How? Let me give you an example from my life.

(Personal example – Take a few minutes and share how Jesus satisfies your soul. Give one specific example. What does this look like for me, the author? I enjoy taking walks in nature and praying. When I do this, I feel connected to God and have a sense of his presence. I especially enjoy doing this when I am stressed out, going through a tough time, or really busy. My soul gets filled with the love and peace of God. What works for you? Share it with students.)

That's one way that Jesus satisfies my soul.

Here are some other ideas:

- By inviting to be a part of everything we do. How can we do that? (Get responses)
- Spend time reading the Bible and praying. Why do you think that is important? (Get responses)
- By being aware of what God is doing around you. How can we do that? (Get responses)

Wrapping up today's message, we are going to watch a video titled *Thirsty?* As you watch the video, ask God to speak to you through the video. Listen to what he might be saying. There really is no right or wrong answer. Each of you might get something different from watching the video.

You're each going to get an index card and marker. (Begin passing out index cards and markers.) As you are watching the video, write down what God is revealing to you through this video. Then, take that card with you to small group.

[Watch *Thirsty?* Video]

End in prayer and dismiss students to small groups.

SMALL GROUP

Allow students a few minutes to share what they wrote down on their index cards.

Next, ask – What one “take away” did you get from today's message?

Activity: Thirsty or Quenched?

Supplies:

- Two plastic cups per preteen
- Scissors
- Sharpies
- Magazines

Give each preteen two plastic cups and a sharpie. With the sharpie, have preteens write thirsty on one cup and quenched on the other one. Cut out the bottom of the thirsty cup. Have students glue magazine clippings of common things that people use to fill up their soul (other than God) onto the thirsty cup. On the quenched cup, have your students write words (or even Bible verses) that describe what it means for Jesus to satisfy their souls.

Allow students 10-15 minutes to complete the project.

When complete, have students share their cup with the rest of the group. Why did they choose those words on the quenched cup? Why did they choose those magazine clippings on the thirsty cup?

Great job everyone. Now, take these cups home to remember what we talked about today.

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Preschool Bible Lesson: Jesus is the Living Water

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This free Bible lesson for preschoolers is based on what Jesus said in John 4 to the woman at the well. Children will learn how God himself can be their source of refreshing.

Lesson Title: Living Water

Bible Reference: John 4:4-14

Target Age Group: Preschool

Learning Context: Sunday School

Target Time Frame: One Hour

Memory Verse: "But those who drink of the water that I give will never be thirsty." John 4:13b

Life Connection: This lesson aims to help young children understand that God is refreshing to their souls just as water is refreshing to them when they are thirsty. The more time that we put into spending with God the more refreshed our lives will become. We need God. Our lives are pointless without him, just like water is necessary for life.

Learning Aim:

1. God refreshes our lives just like water refreshes us when we are thirsty.
2. We must have God, just like we must have water.

Basic Supply List:

1. Bible
2. Water bottle for each child to drink
3. Empty water bottle
4. Glitter, Beads, Sequins, etc.
5. Duct Tape
6. Sensory Table with water and plastic toys (optional)
7. Bowl
8. 1 Cup Dish soap
9. ½ Cup Light Corn Syrup
10. Small Bubble Wand

Note: In the teaching plan below the words in *italics* are meant to be read aloud. The regular text is simply directions for the teacher.

>>> **Basic Teaching Plan** <<<<

Introduction: Greet each student as they arrive. Begin by asking them how high they can jump. Challenge the class to show you how high they can jump. Now, ask them how long they can jump. Challenge them to carefully jump as many times as they can. Have cups or bottles of water ready for the class when they finish jumping. (Or a trip to the water fountain would suffice.) Make a big deal of drinking water once they have finished their jumping. Once everyone has some water, have them sit and get ready to listen to the lesson.

Biblical Evidence:

Say, After playing the jumping game, everyone was tired and wanted a drink of water. Why did you want water? They will probably say that they are thirsty and tired. Say, When we are tired water refreshes us. We need water. We cannot live without it. Whenever we are thirsty there is nothing better than a drink of water. The more water we drink the better we feel. God is like water in our lives. He keeps our soul healthy. He refreshes us when we are sad or mad.

Say, One day Jesus was walking through the town of Sychar when he came to a well. He was thirsty so he asked the woman who was there to give him a drink. This gave him an opportunity to explain how He was like water. Let's read this story from John 4. At this point read John 4:4-14 or retell the story in your own words.

Say, When Jesus was talking about water he wasn't talking about water like the water in our cups. He was meaning to say that God would make her life new and make her happy again. If we want to live forever, we need Jesus in our lives too. We cannot live without Jesus, just like we cannot live without water.

Ask, How can we keep ourselves close to Jesus? Possible answers could be that they can read their Bibles, pray, go to church, and talk about Jesus with their parents.

Water Bottle Shakers: Give each child a clean plastic water bottle. Fill with beads, glitter, and/ or sequins. Then, if desired, put water in the bottle. Close the lids tightly and wrap duct tape around the lid so it doesn't spill. Water can be messy so if you don't want to use water just fill with beads and other small items. Remind the class that Jesus is the source of living water.

Deep and Wide: Sing the children's song *Deep and Wide* to reinforce the idea that Jesus is the source of living water that gives life. The kids can use their water bottle shakers as well to dance to make music. The lyrics are listed below.

Deep and wide, deep and wide. There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

Deep and wide, deep and wide. There's a fountain flowing deep and wide.

Wide and deep, wide and deep. There's a fountain flowing wide and deep.

Wide and deep, wide and deep. There's a fountain flowing wide and deep.

Sensory Water Table: If you have the resources available, set up a sensory table full of water for the kids to play in. Make sure you have towels ready for when the kids are finished.

River Tag: Jesus is the living water. In this game, one child will be it. All the other children will run around the room/playing area as if they are swimming. If someone gets tagged they must sit down. In order for them to get back in the game someone must swim in a circle around them. The game is over whenever everyone has been tagged or whenever the teacher blows the whistle and stops the game. You may want to play several different rounds so that more children can be it.

Everlasting Bubbles: Make bubbles that do not pop as easy as regular bubbles to reinforce the idea that God stays with us always. To make these bubbles mix 1 cup of dishwashing liquid with ½ cup of light corn syrup. Mix well and use a small wand to blow them to the class. Explain that these bubbles do not pop. They are like Jesus because he stays with us always as well. The bubbles will pop and are sticky, but they will last longer than regular store bought bubbles.

Conclusion: End the lesson by showing the class a bowl, or cup, of water. Swish the water around to show that water is always moving. *Say, Jesus is just like this water because he is always moving and working in our lives. Water goes on forever, just like Jesus. Whenever we are having a bad day, Jesus refreshes our souls.* Close the lesson by praying for the class, asking God to help them continually gave a deeper understanding of their need for Jesus and the eternal life that He gives.

For older children, we recommend [another version](#) of this Bible story on our website. We also have a [teaching skit](#) based on the Woman at the Well.

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Lesson: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

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This Bible lesson for children is based on John 4:5-39, the story of the Samaritan Woman talking to Jesus. It could be used in children's church or expanded for a kids Sunday School lesson. Please leave any suggestions at the bottom of this page.

Bible Story: John 4:5-39

Time: 20 minutes

Learning objectives: After this lesson....

- Children clearly identify the key people and events in this passage by answering questions and retelling portions of the story.
- Children express what they learned about Jesus and His reaction to sin.
- Children express what they learned about telling others about what Jesus did for them.
- Children express their understanding of Jesus' knowledge of all things.

Curriculum Target Age: 3rd-5th grade; older elementary children

Material Needed:

- [\[print_link\]](#) this lesson plan
- Bible, John 4:5-39 – Prepare beforehand a copy with the important points highlighted to ensure specific explanations on them.
- Visual Aids – Jesus (at well if possible), Samaritan woman, disciples, Jacob's well, map showing Samaria
- Craft materials – 8 by 11 card stock paper, markers, stickers

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman Lesson Plan

Establish the lesson by briefly explaining the key people in the story by showing the pictures of Jesus, Samaritan woman, disciples, and using the map to identify the location of Samaria and Jacob's well.

Before reading the story, divide the children into two groups and ask one group to identify what they learn about the Samaritan woman. Ask the other half of the children to identify the reaction of the disciples and the town people to Jesus encounter with the woman.

Read (and Recap) John 4:5-39. Read with different voice inflections and stop to involve the children in the story. Reinforce the lesson by asking questions. Did the woman come alone to the well? Yes. What do you think is the reason she came alone? She didn't want to encounter other women from the town, because she had a bad reputation. How did Jesus treat the woman? He spoke to her in kindness. What made the woman surprised that Jesus spoke to her? She was a Samaritan and a woman (show the map of Samaria again and talk about the prejudice of the Jews with Samaritans because they weren't full-blooded Jews). How did the disciples respond to Jesus talking to her? They were surprised, but didn't say anything. Are there people you know that others might wonder the reason you would be friends with them? Say to the children, "It's hard to be a person that people don't like. What are reasons we might not talk to someone?" How did the town people respond to the woman's words about Jesus? They went to see Him and came to believe in Him.

When you're finished reading the story, use the pictures to review the important people and events in the story.

Ask for a response from the children about their listening assignment. What did they learn about the Samaritan woman? How did the town people respond to Jesus?

Select three volunteers to demonstrate the encounter that Jesus had with the woman. Have one child be Jesus, another the Samaritan woman, and the third the narrator. Divide the rest of the children as either the disciples or town people.

Reiterate to the children the truth that the Lord loves everyone and provided salvation for all no matter their color or race. Have the students make a simple card either inviting someone to church with them or telling them that Jesus loves them. Instruct the children to have a specific friend at school or in their neighborhood that they are to make the card for and give to during the next week. At this time it would be good to reinforce the truth that Jesus loves us no matter what bad things we have done.

Lesson Evaluation

- Ask several volunteers to retell the story to the class with role-play. Assign the role of Jesus, the Samaritan woman, disciples, and town people. Ask the rest of the children to take turns telling a portion of the story as the other children act it out silently. Remember to prompt the children by asking, "What happened next?"
- Ask for a volunteer to explain how the Samaritan woman had been changed by her encounter with Jesus and another to explain the change in the town people.

- Give a list of possible lessons and ask the children to raise their hand if it was from the story.
 - Jesus provides salvation for all no matter what sin they do. Yes
 - Jesus heals the sick and blind. True, but not part of the story.
 - Jesus knows what we are doing even if we don't tell Him at first. Yes.
 - Jesus walked on water. True, but not part of the story.
 - Jesus loves everyone. Yes.
 - Jesus spoke in the synagogues. True, but not part of the story.

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Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." John 4:10



“Living Water – Never Thirst Again”

Children’s Sermon Object Lesson on the Jesus and the Woman at the Well in John 4:5-42



Children’s Message: Living Water—Never Thirst Again!

Jesus and the Woman at the Well

Main Objective: The story of Jesus and the woman at the well reminds us of a couple of essential insights. For one thing, we see Christ’s love for all, and desire that all would know Him and be saved. This reminds us that we want to share the message of Jesus with everyone. Another key element is the blessed hope that Jesus is the “living water” that will truly satisfy. This might be an abstract idea, but kids can understand the idea of being thirsty. In our lives, we can be spiritually “thirsty”, as well, and need to know that we need Jesus every day to survive.

Law/Gospel Theme: The law would have condemned this Samaritan woman, and declared that her sin would keep her outcast. It was quite surprising and unconventional that Jesus would speak to her. But the Gospel message reminds us that Jesus came to seek and save the lost—ALL of them! Because of that, we have hope and we know that Jesus loves each and every one of us.

Optional Materials: Water bottles, in various shapes and sizes

Bible Passage: John 4:5-42

Message: Note: As with most messages, the details of how you choose to communicate this are adaptable and should cater to timing as well as to your audience and student needs. Use your judgment and ideas to best serve students.

More Teaching Material about Jesus and the Woman at the Well

- [Preteen Lesson on Jesus and the Woman at the Well](#)
- [Crafts on the Woman at the Well and Living Water from Jesus](#)
- [Skit: Jesus and the Samaritan Woman in John 4](#)
- [Preschool Lesson – Jesus is the Living Water](#)
- [Elementary Lesson – Jesus and the Samaritan Woman](#)



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Children's Sermon – The Woman at the Well – Living Water Object Lesson

Greet the children, and begin to discuss methods of quenching thirst.

Hello, children of God! How are you? You know, I am feeling pretty thirsty. What do you like to drink when you get thirsty? *(Allow a few responses).*

Well, there are a lot of things I like to drink, but when I'm really thirsty, my favorite thing is good old water! In fact, I think I'll have some water right now. But...I wonder what I should use to drink it. See, I have developed quite a collection of water bottles here... *(Pull out several different water bottles, one at a time, describing as you go).*

See, there's this one with a straw...and this one that's a little short. This is a nice one because it fits my cup holder well. Oh, and I like this one because I can carry it by this little handle! I have a lot of choices. And as you can see, there are several different colors and sizes and shapes. But what do all of these water bottles have in common? What do they do the same?

That's right, they all hold water! All of them will help me out if I am thirsty, as long as they're full of good clean water on the inside.

Did you know that we are kind of the same way as people? We are all pretty different on the outside...but the more important thing is what we are filled with on the inside. This is what we can discover in our Gospel lesson today. Jesus was having an interesting conversation with a woman one day at a well. Now, there were a couple of reasons why it was slightly strange that Jesus would talk with her. For one thing, she was a woman, and in those days women were not really seen as equal with men. Another reason Jesus would not be likely to normally talk with her was that she was a Samaritan.

That means she was sort of from the bad side of town...the Jews and Samaritans did not get along so well. Not only that, but this woman had done some not so great things in her life...she might have felt ashamed about that, and was maybe even suspicious about why Jesus would be willing to talk with her. But Jesus knew this woman needed Him. He knew that her heart could be healed and her life changed. He knew that it didn't matter what she was on the outside; HE could fill her inside.



Jesus told the woman that He had water that would keep her from ever being thirsty again. She was a little confused, and asked where she could get such amazing water. Jesus told her that He was the answer to what she needed. He shared with her some information about her life that only she knew, revealing that He knew who she was... she realized that this man was someone amazing. She was so excited that she ran and told her friends who she had found, and when they heard about it, they believed as well!

So what can we learn from this? Well, we know that God wants everyone to hear the good news of Jesus, and we can share that with others, whoever they might be. When Jesus fills our insides, it allows us to serve and share with other people. We also know that Jesus will satisfy our needs. We know we need to drink water every day in order to survive. Well, we also need the love of Jesus in our lives every day. We connect with that by reading God's word, living in His presence, and of course by praying! Why don't we say a prayer about that now, and ask God to help us share His love, too? Let's pray...

Children's Prayer Moment

(Have kids repeat each line)

Dear God,

Thank you for our savior Jesus

Thank you that His "water" will help us

Please help us to share His message

And to love all those around us

Thank you for your love

We love you, God!

In Jesus name, Amen!



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John 4:5-42 (NIV)

⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." ¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."

²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." ²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him. ³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." ³³ Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" ³⁴ "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." ³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers. ⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."



Craft Ideas on the Woman at the Well

John 4:5-42

Never Thirst Again! Craft Ideas for the Woman at the Well

There are a couple of great take-away points to emphasize when discussing the story of Jesus and the woman at the well. One of these has to do with evangelism. Jesus reached out to a woman who was literally on the edge of society, and in so doing offered her eternal life and a joyful hope that she couldn't help sharing with others. In the same way, our lives should be changed when we meet Jesus, in such a way that we want to tell everyone about Him, no matter what their background or appearance might be. The other focus of the story is understanding that Jesus fills us. Just as we need water to survive, we need His words and salvation in order to spiritually thrive. These crafts will hopefully remind students of those elements.

Bible Verses or Craft Captions to Consider...

Jesus 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." -John 4:10

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. -John 6:35

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." -John 4:13-14

Water of life...Jesus is the soul-quencher!

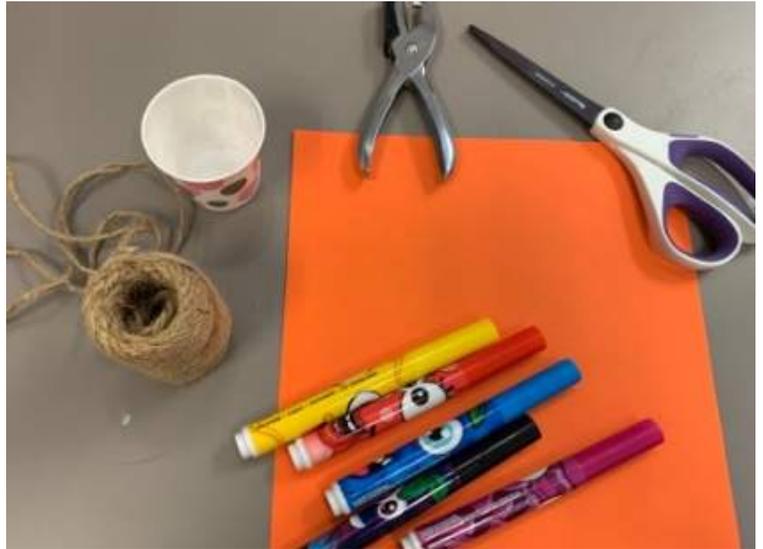
Never Thirst again! Jesus is THE living water.



Craft one: “Well of Life”

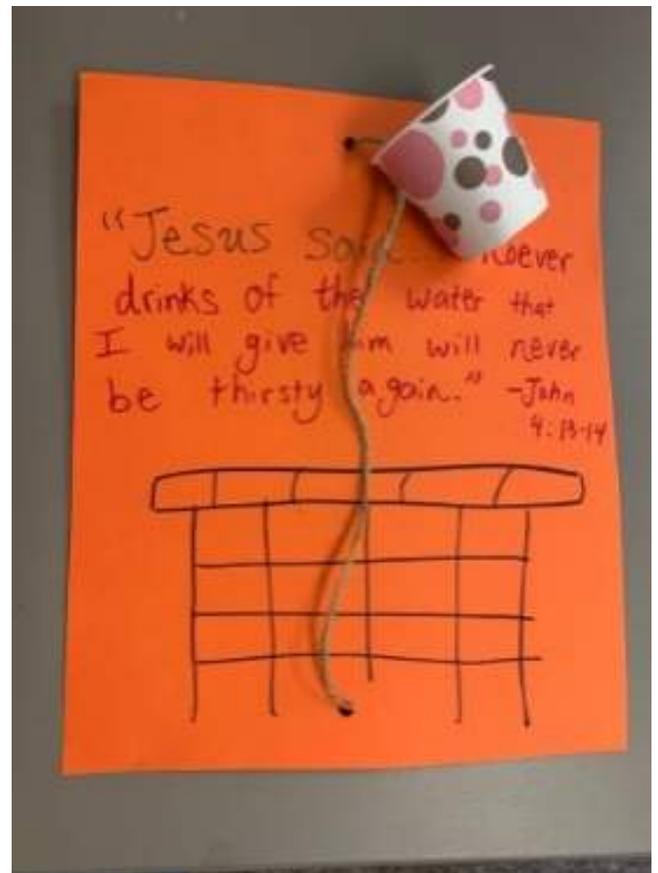
You will need:

- Scissors
- Construction paper
- Paper cups
- Markers or decorating materials
- String or yarn
- Hole punch



Procedure:

1. Decorate the paper to look like a “well” of some sort. Embellish with sky or other elements as desired.
2. Punch a hole in the top and bottom of the paper, about two inches from each border (or as much as your hole punch allows).
3. Punch a hole in the side of a small paper cup, which will serve as a “bucket.”
4. Cut a piece of string long enough to go up and down the length of paper. Insert the string into one side of the paper, then through the cup, and then through the other side of the paper. Tie the string at the back and trim any extra ends.
5. Add a verse caption, and any extra “water drops” or stickers that you like. Have fun tugging the string to raise and lower the “bucket”!



Craft Two: “Living Water Lava Lamp”

You will need:

- Plastic water bottle
- Cooking Oil
- Stickers (optional)
- Glitter or food coloring (optional)
- Alka-seltzer tablet (optional)

Procedure:

1. Fill the water bottle about a third of the way with water
2. Carefully pour oil into the remainder of the bottle, until almost full.
3. If desired, add a few drops of food coloring and/or glitter for extra decoration.
4. For extra “living water” fun, add an Alka-Seltzer tablet, broken into pieces.
5. Tightly screw the cap onto the bottle (hot glue may be helpful). Decorate the outside with stickers, if you like, and a verse caption. Shake around (carefully) to watch the “living water” move and separate!





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