

Talk About It:

- What is your favorite thing to drink?
 - Share about a time when you felt really thirsty. What did you do?
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Read About It:

Jesus and his disciples traveled from place to place to teach about God. One day they traveled to a town called Samaria. Read this story about how Jesus made a new friend while he was in Samaria (from John 4:1-42):

Jesus had been traveling around teaching the people that he came to save the world from sin. One day, while traveling through Samaria, Jesus was tired and thirsty and stopped by a well to get some water. But Jesus didn't have a bucket or anyway to get water from the deep well. While he was there, a woman came to get water, but she was all alone. In that day, women didn't go places alone. They would always be with friends. Jesus asked the woman to please give him some water. But the woman was from Samaria and Jews and Samaritans did NOT get along. She was surprised that a Jewish man would even speak to her! Plus, this woman had done some things in her life that made her ashamed and Jesus knew that's why she had come to the well alone.

But Jesus had a plan for her. First, he just talked to her to show her that he cared for her and that she was worth taking the time to talk to. Second, he explained who he was and what he came to do. Jesus came to forgive the sins of everyone, including hers. In fact, he compared his love and forgiveness to a refreshing glass of water that when you drink it, you'll never be thirsty again. He called it living water. That woman's life changed that day. She went from being lonely and ashamed for her mistakes to having a hopeful future because of Jesus' forgiveness. She ran into her village to share the good news and led everyone out to the well to meet Jesus.*

- Why do you think Jesus chose to talk to a Samaritan woman, even though Jews and Samaritans did not get along?
- Jesus shared love and forgiveness with the woman he met at the well. How do you think she felt to know that God had forgiven her?
- What do you think people in the village thought when this woman came running to tell them about Jesus?

*adapated from <https://www.pursuegodkids.org/the-woman-at-the-well/>

Sing About It:

Jesus was a friend to the woman at the well, and Jesus is your friend too! Let's sing about it!

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Think About It:

- Jesus was a friend to the Samaritan woman, even though Jews and Samaritans did not get along. What do you think this teaches us about how we should treat people we don't get along with?
 - Jesus stopped at the well because he was tired and thirsty, but he never stopped being kind. Are you sometimes unkind when you are tired or hungry? What does Jesus teach us about how to treat others even when we are tired?
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Make It:

In today's story, Jesus offered the woman "living water" – the refreshing love and forgiveness of God. You can share this love with others by making a gift cup to give away.

Supplies: Coffee sleeve template (next page), empty Styrofoam cup, scissors, markers, tape, hot chocolate packet or tea bag, index card or note paper.

1. Decorate the coffee cup sleeve with markers (and stickers, if you'd like!), then cut it out.
 2. Wrap the coffee sleeve around the cup and tape the ends together.
 3. Place an unopened hot chocolate packet or tea bag inside the cup.
 4. Write or draw a note for someone and put it in the cup.
 5. Give the cup away to someone who could use some extra cheer!
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Do It:

You can share the good news about Jesus with your friends and family, just like the woman at the well shared the good news about Jesus with the people in her village. Here are some ideas:

- Use LEGOs or building blocks to build a well and re-create today's story.
 - Jesus promised us "living water," which is a good image because water is refreshing, cleansing, cool, and we need it to live. Share with someone else how Jesus is like water, but so much better.
 - Jesus reached out to be a friend to someone that most people would not have talked to. Is there someone you know who needs a friend? Talk to the grown-ups at your house about ways you can reach out to them.
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Pray About It:

Thank you, Jesus for giving us "living water" that brings us life and forgiveness and hope. Amen.

Memorize It:

"The water that I give will become in those who drink it a spring of water that bubbles up into eternal life." John 4:14

Coffee Cup Sleeve Template

