



STORY

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman - John 4:1-43

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TEACHER PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I thank you for the grace and mercy you revealed in sending your Son Jesus to die for the sins of the world. Help me realize my own sinfulness and the miracle of your grace in bringing me to faith in Jesus. Enable me thereby to speak to these children of your accepting grace in terms that they can understand and live by. Bless this hour we spend studying Your word. Amen.

VOCABULARY

Samaritan - a mixed race of people despised by the Jews

OUTER AIM

Jesus came to seek and to save all sinners

INNER AIM

Jesus came to seek and to save me

BACKGROUND Jesus told Nicodemus that “God so loved the world that He gave....” These were radical words for the Jews who thought of themselves as God’s special people. The self-righteousness of the Pharisees was revealed in their attitude toward other people. They trusted in themselves that they were righteous. As a byproduct of this error, they despised others. At Jacob’s well, Jesus revealed Himself as the Savior of the world and the Savior of all sinners.

STUDENT PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help us to understand your perfect love for all people. We thank you that you came to seek and to save those who were lost. We ask that you would bless our study this morning so that we may understand your grace in our lives. Help us never to look down on or despise any other person. Thank you. Amen.

PRESENTATION

A knowledge of the historical background is helpful for the understanding of this story. Samaria is located between Judea and Galilee. The Samaritans were Jews who had been left behind at the time of the Babylonian captivity. When the nation of Judah returned from the Babylonian captivity, the Samaritans were not allowed to participate in the rebuilding of the temple. (Neh. 2:10; 4-6) There were racial reasons for the Jews’ hatred of the Samaritans (John 4:9); they were a racially mixed people. There were also religious reasons. Their religion was a mixture of the truth and falsehood. (They accepted the first five books of Moses and worshipped at Mt. Gerizim.) Finally there were political reasons for their hatred. Historically, the Samaritans had always been political enemies of the Jews.

It is against this background that Jesus reached out for the Samaritan woman who was an open sinner. Instead of going around Samaria as was normal for a Jew, Jesus chose to journey through it and thus came to the Well of Jacob near Sychar. Jesus’ disciples proceeded into town leaving Jesus to minister to the needs of this woman.

In the truest sense, God sought out this woman in her need. She had not come looking. Jesus came giving. Jesus offered the woman “living water” promising that if she drank of it, she would never thirst. Jesus

promised her a spiritual drink that would satisfy her deepest spiritual needs. Jesus had something wonderful to give to her. This water would become a well “springing up into everlasting life.” (4:14)

Jesus brought this woman to the point of confessing that she needed a Savior. He revealed her evasive answer to His direction, “Go and get your husband.” He told her that she was living with a man who was not her husband. He thus revealed to her that He was a prophet; indeed, the Messiah of whom the Samaritans also knew. (4:26) She revealed faith in Jesus although she did not yet realize the fullness of what that meant. Jesus revealed Himself to her as the promised Messiah.

The purpose of this account is seen in 4:34-38. Jesus saw the world as ripe for the harvest, the ingathering of souls. Already we have an indication of the worldwide nature of this harvest pictured in the Samaritan woman. This was an important part of Jesus’ training of His disciples to be prepared to “go out and make disciples of all nations.”

This woman brought many from her village to see Jesus. The good news had to be shared. Because of Jesus’ words, many believed. Here we see a beautiful picture of our mission spirit and zeal as it should be today. We pray that the Lord would send forth laborers to gather in His harvest.

APPLICATION

The obvious application is that Jesus seeks for sinners and individually ministers to their spiritual needs. There is no one excluded from the kingdom of God because of his or her race or color. But not so obvious is the truth that no one is outside of God’s grace on account of his or her sinfulness. All of need to realize our personal sinfulness.

Jesus captures this woman’s attention with the promise of “living water” of which she could drink and never thirst again. People have spiritual needs which are not being met today. They need to understand that material things can never satisfy man’s deepest needs. The only answer is to be found in Jesus who is the “water of life” and the “bread of life.”

It is important to discuss ways in which children can reach out to others. At the same time discuss barriers that exist today which might prevent our reaching out with the Gospel.

When the woman found salvation in Jesus, she wanted to share it with others. The people in this village believed, not just because of the woman’s testimony, but because of the words of Jesus.

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Luke 19:10 - "For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

John 4:14 - "But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Luke 10:2 - Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

HYMN CHOICES

Hark! the Voice of Jesus Crying - TLH #496

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - TLH #277

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

John 4:1-45



The Story

Jesus and His disciples were traveling to Galilee. They walked through Samaria to the town of Sychar. Jesus was tired and sat at the edge of Jacob's well. The disciples went into the town to buy some food. While Jesus was there, a woman came to the well to get water.

Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

The woman was surprised that Jesus would even talk to her. Jesus was a Jew, and Jews usually hated the Samaritan people. The Jews thought they were better than Samaritans.

"If you knew who I am, you would ask for living water," Jesus said to her.

The woman thought Jesus was talking about water from the well. She said, "Sir, You need something to get water out of the well, for it is deep. "

"If you drink water from a well you will get thirsty again. But I can give you water and you will never thirst," continued Jesus.

"Please give me some of that water," she begged. "It is hard work

carrying water every day." She still didn't know that the "living water" Jesus was talking about was belief in Jesus as Savior.

"Go and get your husband," Jesus commanded.

She answered, "I don't have a husband."

"You are right, you have had five husbands and now you are living with a man that is not your husband!" Jesus said.

"You must be a prophet because You know all I have done!" exclaimed the woman. "I know the Messiah is coming and He will tell us all things."

"I am the Messiah," Jesus said.

The woman was very excited and ran into the city. She said to her family and friends, "Come see a Man that told me everything I have done. Is this not the Christ?"

The Samaritans heard Jesus and stayed two days. He preached and many more believed.

They said, "This is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."

Jesus came to seek and to save all sinners, even the Samaritan woman and other Samaritans.

Jesus came to seek and to save all sinners, even me.

Activity One

- Answer these questions with a **Y** for yes or an **N** for no.

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| 1. | Jesus was tired. | Y | N |
| 2. | Jesus asked the woman for a drink. | Y | N |
| 3. | She gave Jesus living water. | Y | N |
| 4. | The woman believed in Jesus as her Savior. | Y | N |
| 5. | She told her friends to come see Jesus. | Y | N |

Passages

1 Timothy 2:4 - (God our Savior) desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Luke 19:10 - "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Hymn

- TLH #277 v. 2

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The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and live."
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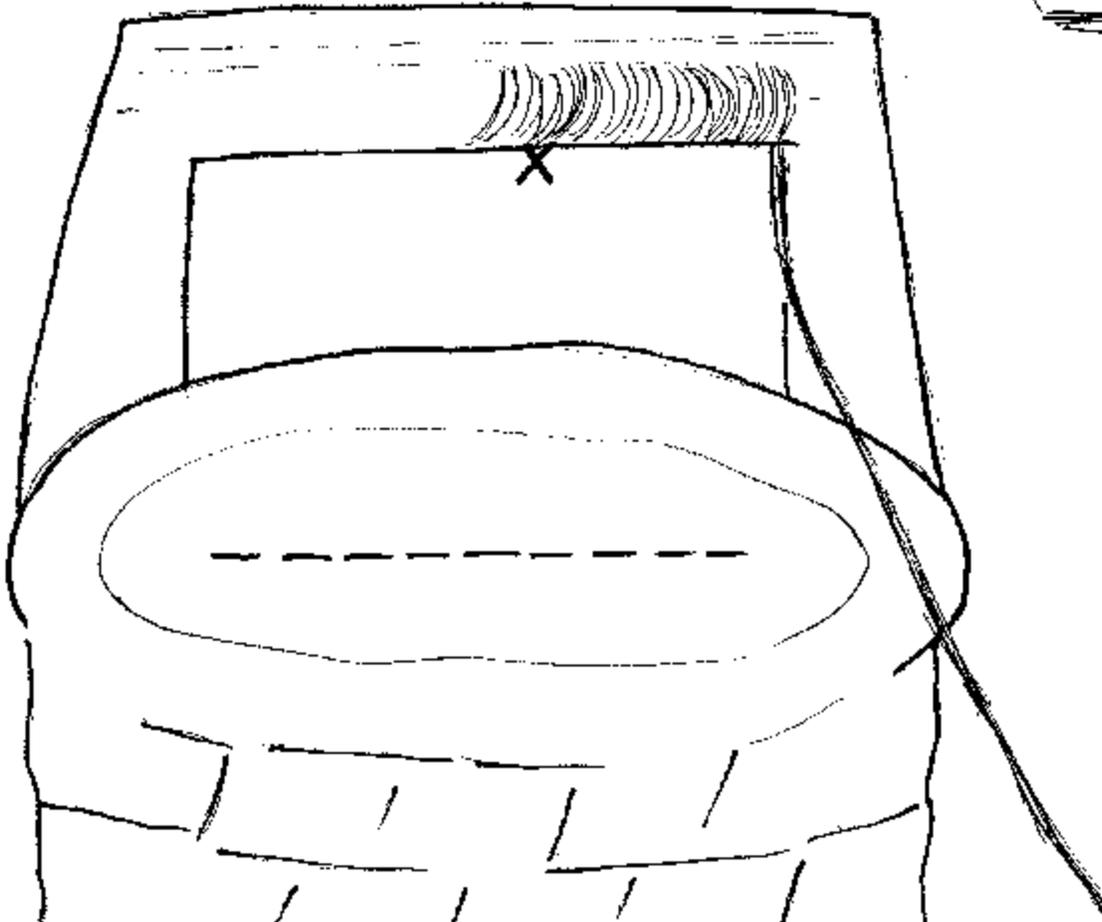
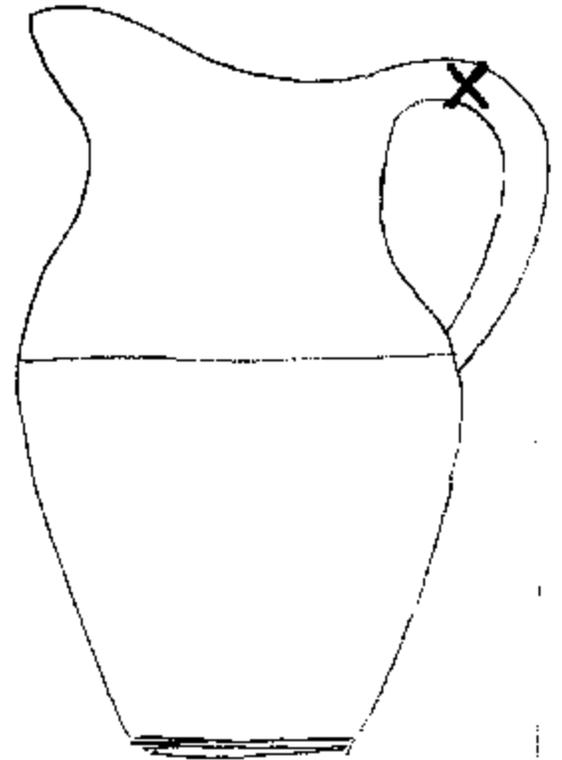
Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

We do not always love our neighbors or tell them of You. Help us be more like You, loving all people. Help us be like the Samaritan woman, telling others of Your perfect life, death and resurrection. Thank You for loving and saving us. Amen

Activity Two - Follow the directions below.

1. Color the well and pitcher.
2. Cut out the pitcher
3. Cut a slit along the dotted line on the well below.
4. Staple a knotted 3 inch string on both X's.
5. Lower the pitcher for water.



**John 4:14 "Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give
him will never thirst."**

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John 4



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Activity One - Complete the CROSSWORD PUZZLE with the words from the Word Box.

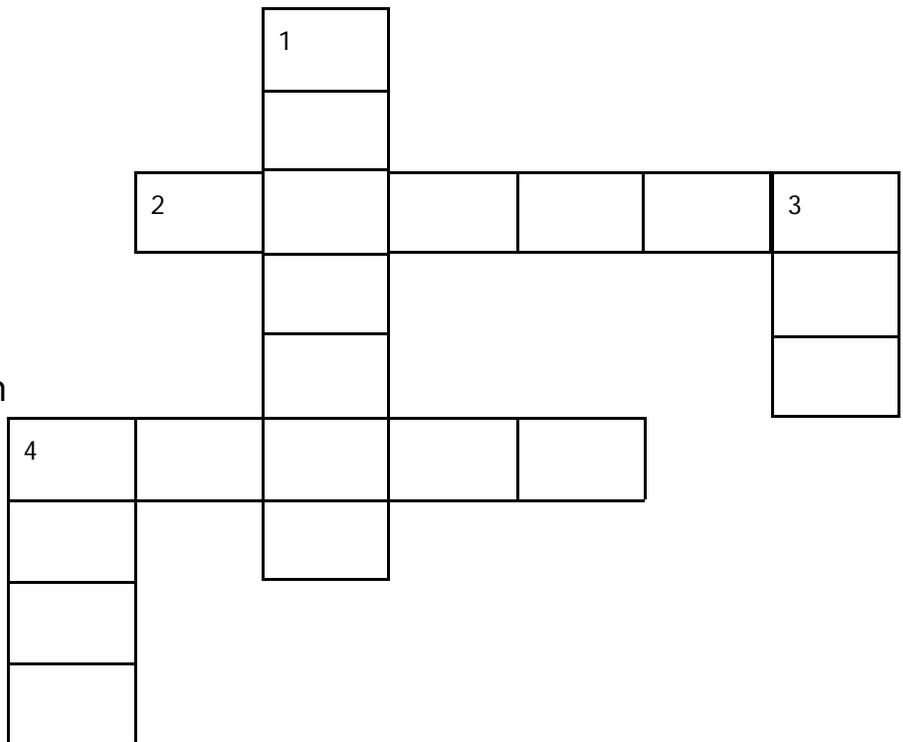
WELL	WATER	GOD	LIVING	THIRSTY
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Across

2. Jesus said He would give the woman _____ water.
 4. We need _____ to live.

Down

1. When you need a drink you are ____ .
 3. _____ our Savior wants all men to be saved. 1 Timothy 2:4
 4. A _____ is a hole in the ground from which to get water.



Activity Two - Cross out 2 letters, let the third one stand, then cross out 2 more and continue until you have completed the passage . The first three have been done for you.

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 LAWKSHJDIHF CGZHMWNCABYSQYLWUOKESJTT

Luke 19:10 "F O R _____

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Activity Three - Match the correct letter to the answer.

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| 1. _____ Jesus was a ____. | A. Savior |
| 2. _____ The woman was a ____. | B. Samaritan |
| 3. _____ The woman knew she had ____. | C. Jew |
| 4. _____ She needed a ____. | D. Missionaries |
| 5. _____ Jesus gives us ____. | E. Sinned |
| 6. _____ We will want to be ____ to tell about Jesus and salvation. | F. Living Water or Faith |

Passage

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Hymn - TLH #277 v. 2

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{16} Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here."

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have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

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Outer Aim - Jesus came to seek and to save all sinners, including the Samaritan woman and the other Samaritans.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer the questions.

1. Why did the Samaritan woman think it was strange that Jesus asked her for a drink of water?
2. Explain what Jesus meant by "living water."
3. Jesus asked the woman to call her husband. Why did she answer, "I have no husband?"
4. Why did Jesus ask her that question since He knew the answer?
5. The disciples were concerned that Jesus needed to eat. What did Jesus say was His food? (verse 34)
6. What convinced the Samaritans to believe in Jesus?

What God's Word Tells Us - Answer the following.

1. After the Samaritan woman learned about Jesus, she couldn't keep it to herself. She wanted to share this good news with others. What are some ways you can reach out to others? List three.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Samaritans and Jews were enemies at the time of our story. That could have been a barrier to Jesus and the woman but Jesus didn't let it stop Him. Can you think of any possible barriers today that might prevent you from sharing the Gospel with others?
 - a.
 - b.
3. Unscramble this Bible passage and print it on the line below.

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(hint: Luke 19:10)

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Hymn - TLH #277

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
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I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream.
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Prayer

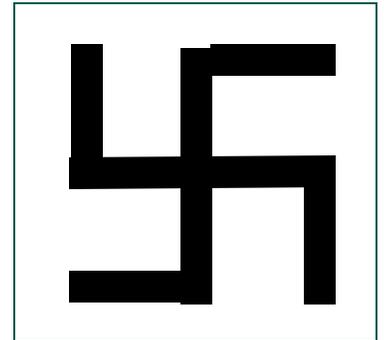
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You shared the precious news of Your Gospel with the Samaritan woman. Help me to share Your saving Word with everyone I meet, so that they too will know about the "living water". Make me a willing laborer to gather in Your harvest. Thank You, Lord, for Your great love and mercy. Amen.

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John 4

We recognize this symbol to represent the Nazis, one of the most notorious and wicked groups that ever existed. Would you have seen Jesus sit down with a member of this group, if He had lived in that time? Did He suffer and die on the cross for them?



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What the Story Tells Us - Answer the questions.

1. Why was it unusual for Jesus, a Jew, to be talking to a Samaritan woman?
2. Read verse 11 again. How can you tell that the Samaritan woman didn't understand who Jesus was?
3. Why did Jesus ask the woman to get her husband? Didn't He already know everything about her?
4. In which verse does Jesus reveal His true identity to the woman? _____ Write the passage:
5. The disciples were concerned that Jesus needed to eat. What was Jesus more concerned with?
6. Why did the people of the village believe in Jesus?

What God's Word Tells Us - Answer the following.

1. There should be no racism among Christians. How does this story illustrate this?
2. Because of what Jesus has done for us on the cross, we should be eager to join the "laborers" in the harvest. Sometimes the world makes it hard for us to witness. List some barriers that might prevent us from reaching out with the Gospel:
3. Even though these barriers exist, we know that Jesus will help us. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13. List two or three additional passages that assure us we're not in this alone. Use your concordance to help you.

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Passages - Look these up in your Bible. Fill in the missing words.

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Hymn - TLH #496

Hark! the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvest waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me"?

If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
You can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying
And the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly,
Let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

Prayer

Dear Savior Jesus Christ, You have commanded us, with Your disciples, to spread Your Word to all nations. Let us never forget that You died for all people of every race and country. Help us to be willing workers in Your kingdom, for the harvest is truly great. We ask this in Your saving name. Amen.