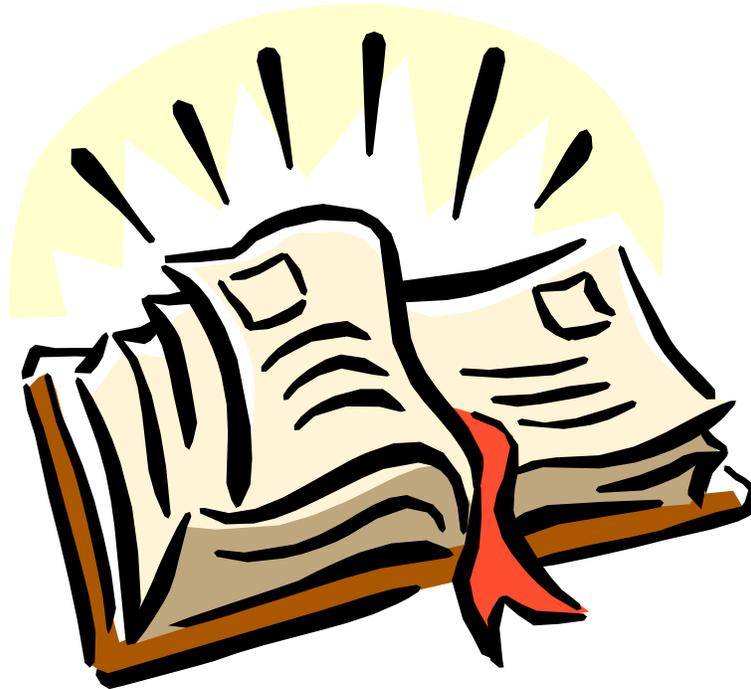


Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: _____

LESSON TITLE: The Woman at the Well

THEME: Jesus knows all about us and He loves us.



SCRIPTURE: John 4:1-42

Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions (five per week) for children and their families through which we hope to reinforce Sunday's lesson, provide ideas for the application of God's Word, and encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. Since the age of your child will affect how they respond to the content, we suggest you make them age appropriate by adding your own ideas.

In the lesson this week, we learned about **the woman at the well (John 4:1-42)**. We encourage you to review these scriptures with your child. The theme was "**Jesus knows all about us and loves us.**" As you read our Lord's interview with the Samaritan woman, it will become clear that Jesus knew everything about her. Jesus knows everything about us. There is nothing we can hide from Him. Yet, God loves us and has provided a way for us to enter into fellowship with Himself through the death of Jesus on the cross. Like the Samaritan woman, we too, can receive living water and tell others that Jesus is the answer!

We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

The Stranger

Text: John 4:10 - "Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, "Give Me a drink," you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.'"

Also read John 4:7-10

This week in our devotions, we will be learning more about what happened one day in Samaria when Jesus met a woman who was fetching water at a well. During Jesus' time, rabbis did not talk to women in a public setting. Also, Jews did not care for Samaritans because they were only part Jewish. Because of their prejudice, they would go out of their way to avoid going to Samaria. Jesus was a Jew and a man, but Jesus was very different—He talked to the Samaritan woman!

When Jesus spoke to her and asked for a drink of water, she must have been very surprised and shocked, since Jesus was a Jewish man and a stranger. But, His words were very interesting to her and drew her attention. Do you remember what Jesus said to her (John 4:10)? She probably thought to herself, "Who is this man?" "What is the gift of God?" And, "What is living water?" As Jesus continued to talk to her, her curiosity turned to a confidence and trust in Jesus.

Imagine Jesus, stopping on His journey to talk to this woman. He was not concerned what others would think. He was not ashamed to talk to a person others rejected. The Bible says that God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34). In other words, He sees us on an equal level, without partiality, and invites all of us to receive the forgiveness of sins, His salvation, through faith. We, too, are invited to come and drink of the living water. How about you? Do you know Jesus? What is the gift of God? Have you received it? Jesus promised, "...the one who comes to Me, I will by no means cast out" (John 6:37). It doesn't matter if you are a girl, boy, Jewish, Russian, Samaritan, white, black, yellow, brown, or if you have yellow dots all over your head! There is no prejudice in Jesus Christ. That is great news!

- Jesus Christ reveals the "Living Water." Read John 7:38-39. Who do you think Jesus is talking about?
- What does God offer everyone who comes to Him through Jesus Christ?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Prejudice: Bad feelings towards someone else because of their color, where they come from, or who they are.

Day Two

He Is Greater Than Jacob

Text: John 4:14a - "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst,"

Also read John 4:11-15

"Jacob's well is so deep," thought the Samaritan woman, "how could this man get this living water?" The Samaritan woman did not understand the meaning of "living water." She was thinking only about the water from the well. How often do we, like the Samaritan woman, easily confuse the material (things we see) and the spiritual (things we cannot see)? The Samaritan woman's concern about *how* Jesus would get this water was more important to her than considering Jesus' offer and asking Him to give her a drink of it. "Are You greater than our father Jacob?" she asked. Soon, she would find out how much greater Jesus is than Jacob and anyone else in this world!

Jesus knew what would happen. He is in control of all things. Jesus was very patient and loving in dealing with the Samaritan woman. Jesus told the Samaritan woman, "Whosoever drinks of this water will thirst again." The well water represented that which is **material**—what the world offers us. If we thirst after material (worldly) things such as money, popularity, pleasure, and other things of this world, Jesus warns us we will not find satisfaction. We may find a sense of temporary relief, but we will be thirsty again.

Jesus also told the Samaritan woman, "But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst." Again, Jesus was talking about her spiritual thirst—her thirst for God. She could not fill her thirst with the things of this world—money, popularity, etc.—but, God promises to satisfy her completely as she walks in a new relationship with Him. Jesus truly is greater than Jacob. He is the greatest of all! In Revelation 22:17, Jesus invites you and I (whoever desires) to come and drink freely of this "water of life."

- Who satisfies our spiritual thirst? (Read John 4:14.)
- Read John 6:48. Who is the bread of life?
- Read John 1:4-5. Who provides us with the light of life?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Material things: Anything that can be seen, or that is not of the Spirit.

A Prophet

Text: John 4:14 - "The woman said to Him, 'Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.'"

Also read John 4:16-24

The only way to prepare the soil of the heart for the seed (God's Word) is to plow it up. That is what conviction (see definition below) will do. Jesus told the Samaritan woman to go and get her husband and return. The woman responded to Jesus by saying, "I have no husband." Jesus told her what He knew about her. Her complete history was known to Jesus including the fact that she was currently not obeying God's command to be married to the one she now lived with.

What was the Samaritan woman's response? The Samaritan woman realized that Jesus must be a prophet of God, since He had supernatural knowledge. In a few words, Jesus not only revealed His deity, but the reality of her life of sin and her need for salvation. Jesus put the finger on that which separated her from God—her sins! Sin is that which separates all of mankind from God and keeps us from partaking of the "living water." In Romans 3:23, we read, "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Just like the Samaritan woman, we need to deal with that which separates us from God before we come to Him in faith--we need to agree with God that we have sinned and are in need of His forgiveness. Because Jesus died on the cross, taking the punishment for our sins, we who believe in Jesus receive forgiveness of sins and a new relationship with Him.

Jesus looks upon our hearts. We, like the Samaritan woman, can hide nothing from Jesus. Perhaps, the Lord is speaking to you about sin in your life. In order to receive God's forgiveness, we must understand our need to be forgiven. How wonderful is the great salvation—the forgiveness of sin and a new relationship with God—we are offered through faith in Jesus Christ. We do not need to remain in sin. If we confess our sins, God is "faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1: 9).

- Does the Bible say we are all guilty of sin?
- What did Jesus do to take care of our sins, so we could be forgiven and have a new relationship with God?
- What do I need to do in order to receive forgiveness? (Look at 1 John 1:9.)

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Sin: All wrongdoing.

Day Four

The Messiah

Text: John 4:26 - "Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you am He.'"

Also read John 4:25-30

There must have been a seed planted in the heart of the Samaritan woman a long time ago. She knew that there was a coming "Messiah" or promised one who would reveal everything. Perhaps, she heard about the Messiah when she was a child or from her parents. The Samaritans were part Jewish and understood about the promise that God made about a coming Messiah who would take away our sins. Little did she know that she was talking to the promised Messiah Himself! That seed which was planted in her heart a long time ago was about to produce some fruit.

The Samaritan woman told Jesus what she knew about the Messiah, the one whose coming was promised, the one who would "tell us all things." Do you think after she said that statement, a light bulb may have went off in her brain saying, "Hey, this man just told me everything about my past and how I am living, today. Could He be the ONE?"

Jesus' response to her statement was, "I who speak to you am He." Wow! Could you imagine talking to a stranger and the realizing you have been talking to the MESSIAH? The Samaritan woman needed to hear no more! Her new faith and commitment to Jesus was real, for she left her waterpot immediately and went into the city to share her faith.

Jesus continues to work in powerful ways to change hearts and lives, today. Do you remember when you accepted Jesus? I do...I was on FIRE! I wanted everyone to see the change in my heart. I wanted everyone to hear about Jesus Christ and the salvation He provides to us. That desire can stay with us the rest of our lives as we continue to grow in Jesus. Well, Jesus was patient and the Word He preached sank deep into the heart of the Samaritan woman and brought forth fruit. Has God Word sunk deep into your heart?

- What did the Samaritan woman do when she found out that Jesus is the Messiah?
- Ask mom or dad to tell you about the time they asked Jesus into their hearts. What differences did they see in their lives?
- Do you think that if we have put our faith in Jesus, people we see changes in us?

Kid's Bible Dictionary



Messiah: The anointed one sent from God to remove our sins; Jesus Christ.
Fruit: Something produced from your new life because of your acceptance of Jesus Christ. See Galatians 5:22,23.

Day Five

She Left Her Waterpot!

Text: John 4:28a - "The woman then left her waterpot. And went her way into the city."

Also read John 4:28-30

In this story, we see that the Samaritan woman left her waterpot. The whole reason that she went to the well was to fill her water pot with water and have her thirst quenched. But, that day, at the well, she discovered "living water." She was reminded of a different kind of thirst she was experiencing. Perhaps, she had often tried to ignore that thirst. But, she met the one, the only one, who could take care of that thirst. Jesus would give her water that would forever take care of her spiritual needs. No longer would she try to fill her thirst for God with the things the world offered. She would trust in Jesus, instead!

When you read John 4:28-30, you'll see, in her joy she left her "water pot" and hurried to tell others about Jesus, the man who knew everything about her. When I first prayed and asked Jesus into my heart, I couldn't wait to tell everyone, either. Have you experienced that joy in knowing Jesus that you just "have to" share with others? The woman at the well was so thrilled, she could not keep Jesus a secret. "Come, see a Man who told me all the things that I ever did," she declared. Soon, many from the city followed to meet Jesus for themselves. God used this woman to spread His good news to an entire city!

What is needed in your life to quench your thirst? It will take more than regular water, or Pepsi, or Kool Aid to quench the thirst inside of our hearts. It will take the "living water" that only Jesus can give us. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, Jesus promises we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. He will satisfy our spiritual thirst with His living water and cause His living water to overflow from our lives to those around us who need to see what He can do in the lives of those who believe in Him.

- How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus knows everything about you, and yet, loves you and desires a relationship with you?
- Have you received the living water that Jesus offers?

Kid's Prayer Time



In your prayers this week, ask the Lord to help those who do not have the living water that Jesus offers. Perhaps, God will use you to share His love with them. Thank the Lord for His great gift of salvation. Thank the Lord for the gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us up with living water that overflows to others.

Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Third Grade and Above

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

John 4:24