

## READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is

### **Woman at the Well**

from John 4:5-42.

**Everyone may receive living water, God's word, from Jesus.**

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Samaria
- Spirit
- Jacob
- Messiah
- Eternal
- Rabi
- Water

Samaritans and Jews disagreed about the proper place to worship God. Samaritans believed God wanted them to worship at Mount Gerizim; Jews believed worship should happen in the temple at Jerusalem.

**Read the whole story together in the Bible!**

*Spark Story Bible* pages 420-425

*Spark Bible* pages 1175-1176

## Family Prayer

Dear God, through Jesus you offer what we need in spirit. Please help us hear, understand, and accept your word. Amen.

## TALK ABOUT IT

### Family Conversations

- 1 Describe a time you were VERY thirsty and the water you drank never tasted so good.
- 2 Who is somebody from school with whom you and your friends don't ever play or sit?
- 3 As Jesus' disciples, what could we offer those people with whom we never interact?
- 4 Take a long walk together. As you walk, talk about everything you see, hear, feel, and smell. Imagine you are travelling all the way to the next town on foot. When you get home, each person can offer a glass of water to another. How does the water taste? How would living water compare to it?



### Eye Spark

Pick one thing you noticed as a family during your walk. Each time you see that thing this week, remember Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well.



### Ear Spark

Pick one thing you heard as a family during your walk. When you hear it, thank Jesus for bringing us living water.

## LIVE IT

### For families to do together

As a family, honor the importance of water: with gloves and a bag, pick up trash along a nearby water source.

### For younger kids

Make a sign that will remind everyone to turn off the water while they brush their teeth. Put it in the bathroom.

### For older kids

Investigate how to make a rain barrel and how the collected rainwater could be used. Perhaps you could make one as a family.

## TRY IT

### Art

Get out the watercolors so everyone in the family can try their hand at some painting. Whether family members paint a landscape, still life, or abstract piece, they can enjoy the freedom and beauty of this art medium. Post your creations in a family gallery and use them to remind you that Jesus is the living water.

### Bible Skills and Games

Play some games in the water! Whether it's a bathtub game, running through the sprinkler, or splashing around at the community pool, you can enjoy life-giving water in fun and playful ways. After your watery adventures, thank God for providing your family with water each day.

### Computer Lab

Clean water is scarce in many parts of the world. Hold a family discussion over dinner. Wonder together how your family can make a clean water difference. Check out some information online and be ready to report back. Ask God for some clean water guidance and decide as a family which idea you are ready to dive into first.

### Cooking

Post a chart on your family fridge. Record all the ways that your family uses water during food preparation and cleanup. How much water do you use to cook vegetables, pasta, or rice? How much water do you use to wash fruits and vegetables? How much water do you use to wash dishes? Say a mealtime prayer thanking God for clean water!

### Creative Drama

This story is a dramatic one! Reenact this story with props. Find costumes that the characters would wear in the hot noontime sun. Build a well from blocks or cushions. Fill a bucket or pitcher with water. Make sure that the characters each drink a dipper of cold water. What did your family learn from this story?

### Music

Experiment with the musical sounds that water can make. It can rush, flow, kerplunk! Create a water soundscape together. Record your soundtrack if possible, and play it back to remember this story and other Bible stories about water.

### Science

Label all of the water outlets in your home with signs that read "Jesus is the living water!" Water pitchers and dispensers, sinks, hoses, and even the washing machine will remind you of the overflowing well of love and forgiveness Jesus is to all people.

### Video

During dinner, share your highs and lows—things that have happened to each one of you this week that were good (high) and not so good (low). How are your highs a gift from God? How is God with you through the lows?