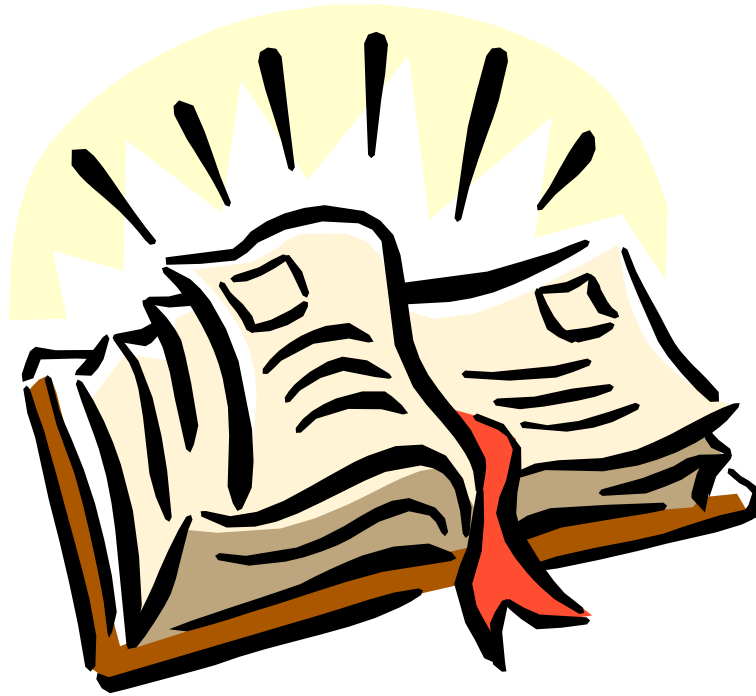


# Bible Time for Kids!



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 for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about **The Woman at the Well**. The theme was "**Jesus knows all about us and loves us.**" As you read our Lord's interview with the Samaritan woman, notice how her knowledge of Jesus increases until she finally acknowledges that He is the Christ.

Jesus knows everything about us. There is nothing we can hide from Him. It does not matter if we are an American or Chinese, a boy, a girl, white, black, brown, or any other color. Jesus loves us! His death on the cross provides a way for us to come to the Father and receive eternal life. Like the Samaritan woman, we too can receive living water and tell others how that Jesus is the answer!

The section of scripture that we studied was **John 4:1-42**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His 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. They would go out of their way to avoid going to Samaria. They also did not talk to strangers because they felt that they were better than other people were and did not want anything to do with anyone who was not a Jew. Well, we know that 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 from her, she must have been very surprised and shocked. She could have got into a lot of trouble for speaking to Jesus since He was a Jewish man and a stranger. But she found Jesus to be very different. His words were very interesting to her. Do you remember what Jesus said to her (John 4:10)? When Jesus spoke, she listened very carefully. She had to think about what He just said. She probably thought to herself, "Who is this man?" "What is the gift of God?" And, "what is living water?"

How about you? Do you know Jesus? What is the gift of God, and have you received it? What about living water, what is it and do you have it? As you continue to read your devotions each day this week, you will begin to understand more about what Jesus was saying. Watch and see how the Samaritan woman's curiosity turns into trust and confidence in Jesus. We too can come to Jesus and receive Him. 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 didn't understand the meaning of "living water." She thought only of 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 can't see). The Samaritan woman was more concerned about *how* Jesus would get the water, instead of asking Him to give her a drink of it. She was starting to think about what Jesus had said. Jesus' words were starting to get into her heart. "Are You greater than our father Jacob?" she asked. Soon, she will 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. He knows everything about us and about everyone around us. Jesus is very patient and loving in dealing with this Samaritan woman. He is also patient and loving in dealing with you and me. Jesus tells the Samaritan woman, "Whosoever continues to drink of this **material** (well) water will thirst again." The well water represents what the world offers us. If we thirst after material (worldly) things, we will not be satisfied.

But Jesus also tells the Samaritan woman, "But whosoever takes one drink of the water I give will never thirst again!" This does not mean that if she takes a drink of water from Jesus' canteen she would never get thirsty again. It means if she comes to Jesus instead of coming to others (or to the world) she will be satisfied and receive a new life. In order to have life we need air, water, food, and light. All of these are provided in Jesus Christ. He truly is not only greater than Jacob is but He is the greatest of all!

- In order to have life we need air to breathe. How does Jesus provide the "breath" of God? (John 3:8; 20:22)
- 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.

What was the Samaritan woman's response? She was thinking that since Jesus had supernatural knowledge, He must be a prophet of God! So in a few words Jesus revealed her life of sin and her need for salvation. Jesus had to deal with her sin before she could repent, or turn from her sin. The Samaritan woman first needed to be **convicted** of her sin and then **repent** of that sin.

The Samaritan woman tried to keep from dealing with her sin by changing the subject. She tried talking about the differences between the Jewish and the Samaritan religions. Has something similar ever happened to you before? You feel like the Lord might be speaking to you about a sin that you may have just committed. But you don't want to think about it so you try to change the subject when the Lord brings it up. I know I have! Jesus was able to tell the Samaritan woman what He knew all about her. She couldn't hide anything from Jesus. We can't either! Jesus wasn't picking on her or making fun of her. He was able to see her heart. He knew that in order for her to come to Him she must first understand her need for Him. Because He loves us so much, He will do the same thing in our lives.

- How do you feel when you are **convicted** of your sins?
- When you feel sorry for your sins, do you go to the Lord right away or do you try to do something else to forget about the sin?
- Can we hide anything from Jesus?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Conviction of sin:** Knowing inside our hearts that we have sinned and have done things wrong.

**Repent:** Turning your heart away from sin and toward God.

# 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. Maybe 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 who is coming and when He comes He will reveal to us all things. Do you think after she said that statement a light bulb went off in her brain saying, "Hey this man just told me everything about my past and the way I live my life today. Could He be the ONE?"

Then Jesus' response to her statement was, "I who speak to you am HE." Wow! Could you imagine talking to a stranger then come to find out He is the MESSIAH? How foolish I would feel. But as we continue to read and learn, the Samaritan woman didn't hide her face in shame. Instead, she put her faith in Jesus and became a Christian. Immediately she wanted to share her faith with everyone else. How powerful He is to change hearts!

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 His word rested deep in the heart of the Samaritan woman. Has His word rested deep in our hearts?

- Are you still excited about being a Christian?
- What did the Samaritan woman do when she found out that Jesus is the Messiah?
- Do others see His changes in your heart?

## 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 have her thirst quenched. She knew that by going to the well with her pot that her need for water would be taken care of. But what she didn't realize was that there was such a thing as "living water". Jesus is that living water! She discovered that she had a very big need in her heart and that only Jesus could take care of it. He would help her and give her water that would forever take care of her spiritual needs. She would trust in Jesus instead of trusting in what the world provided to her.

When you read John 4:28-30, you'll see that she not only left her "waterpot", but she couldn't wait to tell others about this man, Jesus, who knew everything about her. When I first prayed and asked Jesus into my heart I couldn't wait to tell everyone either. That's how we should feel every day. The woman at the well was so thrilled and excited she said, "Come, see a Man who told me all the things that I ever did." She must have been amazed at Jesus and how that He did know everything about her. He knows everything about all of us too! EVERYTHING! And He loves us very much.

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, we receive the Holy Spirit to help us. The woman left her waterpot at the well because she had the living water within and was now satisfied. God used this woman to spread His good news to an entire city. He can use us too!

- Have you received the living water that Jesus offers?
- How does it make you feel knowing that Jesus knows everything about you?

## 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. That the Lord would use us to help share with them His great love for them. If you have never asked Jesus into your heart you can now. You must realize that you are a sinner and Jesus died, was buried, and rose again for your sins. Ask Him into your heart to live forever. He promises to give you living water.

# 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**