

Unit Title : **FAITH**
Lesson 9 : **THE SAMARITAN WOMAN'S FAITH**
Bible Story : **Woman at the Well**
Lesson Scripture : **John 4:5-39**

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this session, the student will be able to:

1. define who is the Samaritan woman;
2. clearly identify the key people and events in this passage by answering questions and retelling portions of the story;
3. feel that just like water, we must have God in our lives;
4. to recite the memory verse

BIBLE REFERENCE

[John 4:13-14 \(ESV\)](#)

"Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

WORDS/POINTS TO REMEMBER

Samaritan – were a mixed race of people that the Jews utterly despised as having no claim on their God, and she was an outcast and looked down upon by her own people.

-Jesus was a Jew talking to a Samaritan. This was not normally acceptable in their time.

-Jesus was talking to a woman, which wasn't acceptable at that time and place.

Water Well (Jacob's Well) - is an excavation or structure created in the ground by digging, driving, boring, or drilling to access groundwater in underground aquifers. The well water is drawn by a pump, or using containers, such as buckets, that are raised mechanically or by hand.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITY

Play a game, sing a song or give them activity to introduce the new lesson.

(Activities may vary depending on age level and purpose of the lesson either for Sunday school or outreach ministry.)

Song: "I Can Be a Friend to You" tune: "London Bridge is Falling Down"

I can be a friend to you, friend to you, friend to you.

I can be a friend to you, just like Jesus.

Play a "**Throw a Water Drop in the Well Game**" to Review the Lesson.

Woman at the Well coloring page

A. PREPARATION and MOTIVATION

Teacher, review the past lessons.

1. Who is Rahab?
2. Why did Rahab hide the spies? *she believed their God would be victorious and wanted to be saved*
3. How many spies went into Jericho? *two (2)*
4. What reward did God give Rahab? *her family was saved, she became an ancestor of Christ*
5. What did the centurion ask Jesus to do?
6. How did the centurion show his faith to Jesus?
7. What happened to the sick servant?
8. Why did the blind man cry out to Jesus?
9. What did the man do when he was able to see?
10. Who is Naaman and where did he live?
11. What disease did Naaman have?
12. Who told Naaman how to make his leprosy go away?
13. What happened when Naaman dipped in the Jordan River seven times?
14. What happened to Naomi's family in Moab?
15. Which daughter-in-law refused to leave Naomi?
16. How many spies were sent into the Promised Land?
17. How many brought back a good report?
18. Name the two spies who gave a good report.
19. What did the lepers ask of Jesus?
20. How many lepers returned to thank Jesus?
21. Who returned to give thanks?
22. Who was king when Jesus was born?
23. What is another name for wise men from the east?
24. How did the wise men know where Jesus was at?
25. What gifts did the magi give to Jesus?

B. INTRODUCTION

This lesson aims to help young children understand that God is refreshing to their souls just as water is refreshing to them when they are thirsty. The more time that we put into spending with, more refreshed our lives will become. We need God. Our lives are pointless without Him, just like water is necessary for life.

Say, when we are tired, water refreshes us. We need water. We cannot live without it. Whenever we are thirsty there is nothing better than a drink of water. The more water we drink, the better we feel. God is like water in our lives. He keeps our soul healthy. He refreshes us when we are sad or mad.

C. LESSON

Read today's story aloud from the Bible, or by showing pictures, or tell the story in your own words.

WOMAN AT THE WELL

Traveling from Jerusalem in the south to Galilee in the north, Jesus and His disciples took the quickest route, through Samaria. Tired and thirsty, Jesus sat by Jacob's Well, while His disciples went to the village of Sychar, about a half mile away, to buy food. It was about noon, the hottest part of the day, and a Samaritan woman came to the well at this inconvenient time, to draw water.

In His encounter with the woman at the well, Jesus broke three Jewish customs: first, He spoke to a woman; second, she was a Samaritan woman, a group the Jews traditionally despised; and third, He asked her to get him a drink of water, which would have made Him ceremonially unclean from using her cup or jar. This shocked the woman at the well.

Then Jesus told the woman He could give her "living water" so that she would never thirst again. Jesus used the words living water to refer to eternal life, the gift that would satisfy her soul's desire only available through Him. At first, the Samaritan woman did not fully understand Jesus' meaning.

Although they had never met before, throughout their conversation, Jesus revealed details of her personal life to her and the Samaritan woman wondered if He is a prophet.

As they talked about their two views on worship, the woman voiced her faith that Messiah was coming.

Jesus answered, "I who speak to you am He." (John 4:26, ESV)

As the woman began to grasp the reality of her encounter with Jesus, the disciples returned. They were equally shocked to find Him speaking to a woman. Leaving behind her water jar, the woman returned to town, inviting the people to **"Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did."**

The Samaritan woman testified to others in her community.

Points:

- The Samaritan woman did understand that an offer of living water was an offer of access to God.
- The faith of the Samaritan woman resulted to "evangelism", she told to others about Jesus.
- Jesus and the woman at the well show us that there is no excuse for not sharing our news of salvation. It is our job to share the good news with everyone in all situations.

MEMORY VERSE

Hebrews 11:1

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

Hebrews 11:1

"Faith... hope for what we do not see."

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. Where did Jesus stop to rest?
2. Who came to the well?
3. What did Jesus ask the Samaritan woman for?
4. Why was the Samaritan woman surprised that Jesus talked to her?
5. What did the Samaritan woman ask Jesus?
6. What did the woman do when she found out Jesus was the Messiah?

LIFE APPLICATION

Everyone has someone they don't like just for the reason that they ***are who they are***. However, like Jesus, we can share Christ with people who are not like us. Jesus treats people as individuals, accepting them with love and compassion. God's love in Jesus is like refreshing water that never runs out.

Ask the children to think of one person or a friend God is placing on their hearts who is not like them that they can share the gospel with this week.

ACTIVITY

Cup of Living Water Craft

What you will need: White Paper, Paper 9-oz. Party Cups, Crayons or Colored Paper, Scissors, Hole Punch, Blue Card Stock, and Yarn.

River Tag: Jesus is the living water. In this game, one child will be "it". All the other children will run around the playing area as if they are swimming. If someone gets tagged, they must sit down. The game is over whenever everyone has been tagged.

"Change" Game: In this game, one child will be "it". The "it" will turn around and not look at the class. Have the children change places or things, when each child is in place, "it" must turn back and begin to try to guess the changes for each child.

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you that Jesus' life and love never run out. It's like an invisible living water that is always there for us. In Jesus' name – Amen.

If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.