



LESSON 3

REFERENCES: JOHN 4:1-42; *THE DESIRE OF AGES*, PP. 183-195.

The Woman at the Well

Have you ever been so thirsty that you couldn't wait to get a drink? One day when He was traveling, Jesus became very thirsty. Would someone get Him a drink?

Jesus sat beside the well in the middle of the day. He was very thirsty. He was hungry too. His disciple friends had gone into the town to buy food. But Jesus had decided to sit by the well to rest. Jesus didn't have a bucket with a rope tied on it, so He didn't have any way to reach any of that nice cool water.

Maybe someone would come to get water from the well and offer Him a drink.

Around lunchtime a woman came to the well. She had a water jug! She was going to get some water! Jesus looked at her. He knew that she was a Samaritan. And He knew that the people of Samaria didn't like Jews and that the Jews didn't like Samaritans. Jesus was a Jew, but He liked Samaritans! He liked people of every country!



Memory Verse

“Tell how much
God has done
for you.”
LUKE 8:39, NIV.

The Message

We help others
when we tell them
about Jesus.

Jesus knew that the woman wouldn't speak to Him. She would not speak to a Jew. So Jesus said to her, "May I please have a drink of water?"

The woman was very surprised! "You are a Jew," she said. "And you are talking to me? You know that I'm a Samaritan!"

"That's right!" Jesus said with a smile. Then He began to talk to the woman. She was so interested in what Jesus was saying that she forgot to get Him a drink! Jesus knew that the woman had troubles. He knew that people didn't like her very much. But that didn't matter to Jesus. He loved everybody!

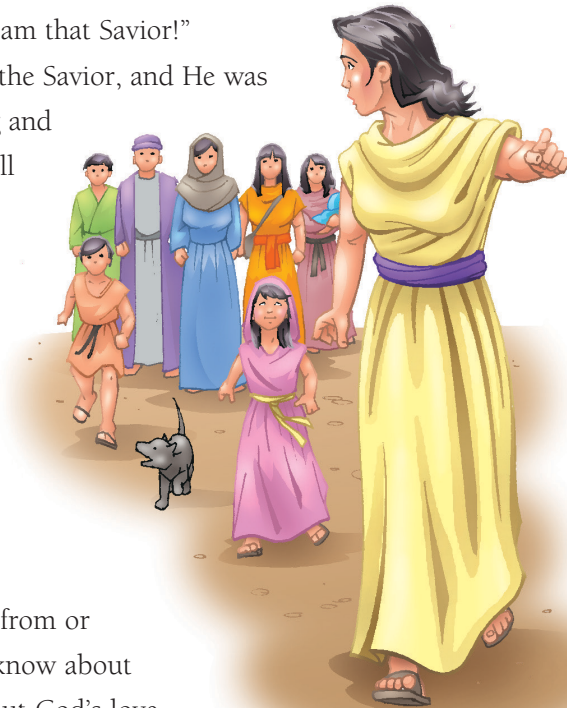
Although He was tired and thirsty, Jesus could see that the woman needed to know about God's love. He wanted to help her even more than He wanted a drink of water. As they talked, the woman told Him that she knew God had promised that a Savior would come and help people understand about Him.

Then Jesus surprised her! He said, "I am that Savior!"

The woman was so happy! Jesus was the Savior, and He was her friend! Quickly she left her water jug and ran back into the town. She wanted to tell other people about Jesus.

It didn't take long for people to gather at the well. The woman had told people all over town about Him. They listened to Jesus' stories and invited Him to stay with them. For two days Jesus stayed and told them about God's love.

Jesus loves and helps all people. It doesn't matter to Him where they come from or what they look like. Everyone needs to know about Jesus. You can help by telling others about God's love. You can be loving like Jesus.



Do and Say

SABBATH

Read the Bible story together. Name some people in your neighborhood and ask your child, “Does Jesus love them?” Sing “Jesus Loves Me.” Every day, use the motions learned in Sabbath School to say the memory verse. (See page 61.)

SUNDAY

Ask your child to tell you the lesson story. Help him or her tell or sing “Jesus Loves Me,” using the sign language learned in Sabbath School. Help your child give a cup of cool water to someone. Thank Jesus for His love for your child.

MONDAY

Let your child help you prepare a small bowl of one kind of fruit. In another bowl, make a fruit salad. Ask which is more attractive. Why? Discuss differences in people and what makes them special.

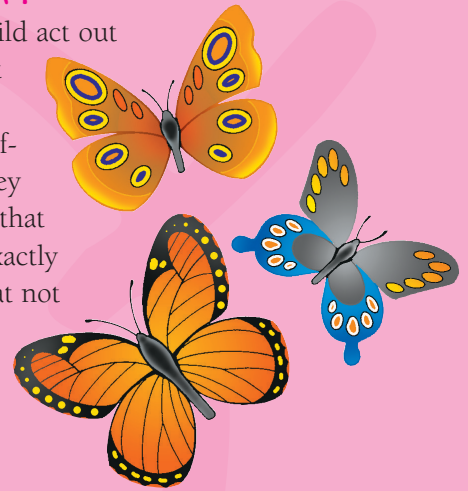
TUESDAY

Read the Bible story together from John 4:6-9, 25, 26, 28-30, 39-41. Talk about God’s love for all people.

Go for a walk and collect different rocks or leaves or flowers. Help your child understand that each is special in its own way. Say: People are special in their own way too, and Jesus loves them all.

WEDNESDAY

Help your child act out the way different animals walk, or reproduce the different sounds they make. Point out that no sounds are exactly the same and that not all walk or move the same way. Mention again that God likes variety.



THURSDAY

Help your child prepare a treat for someone who is of a different ethnic group. Let your child help you prepare some food from another culture for a family meal.

FRIDAY

Help your child act out the lesson story for family worship. Sing “Jesus Loves Me” and use sign language when you sing the chorus. Thank Jesus for His love. Say the memory verse together.

