

Family Worship

The Woman at the Well

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Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

THE SERVANT KING

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GrQiLEO4D5s>



Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 50

Q: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?

A: Christ triumphed over sin and death so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come.

Bible verse (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

A woman went to get water from a well.

She met someone who asked her for a drink.

Her life was about to change...



Jesus and the Woman at the Well

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=el7dzoNV3IY>



Let's Open Up the Bible

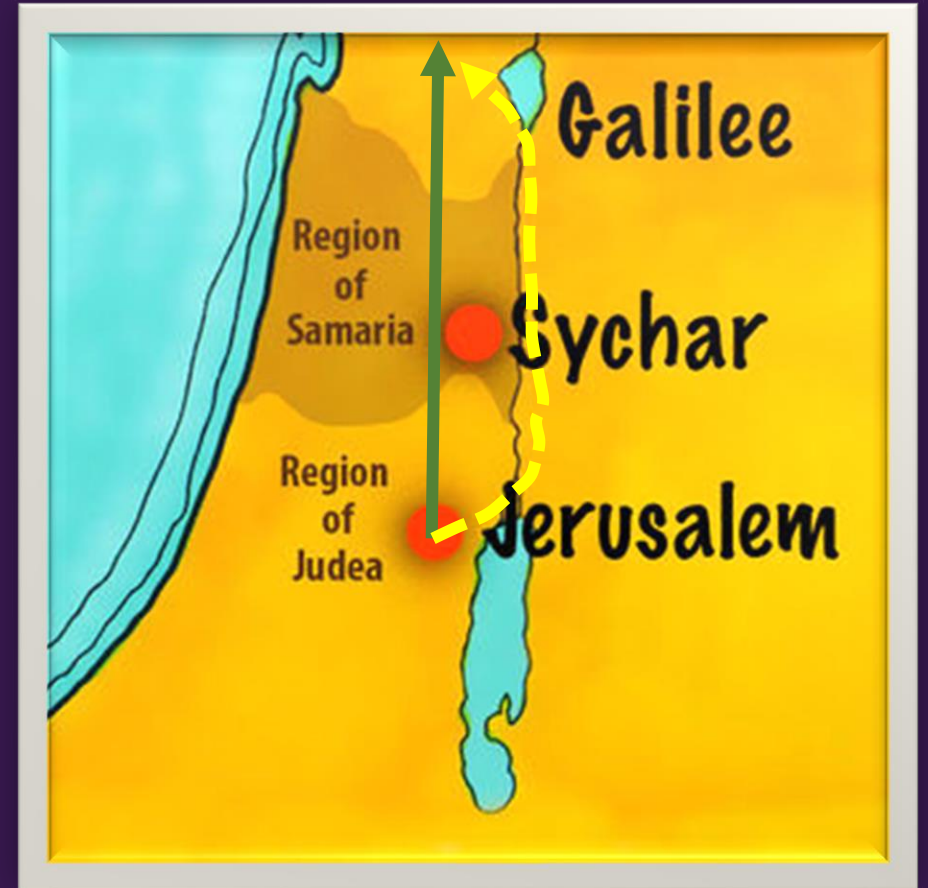
John 4:3-30

So Jesus left Judea and went back to Galilee. On the way he **had to** go through the country of Samaria.

In Samaria Jesus came to the town called Sychar. This town is near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his long trip. So he sat down beside the well. It was about noon.

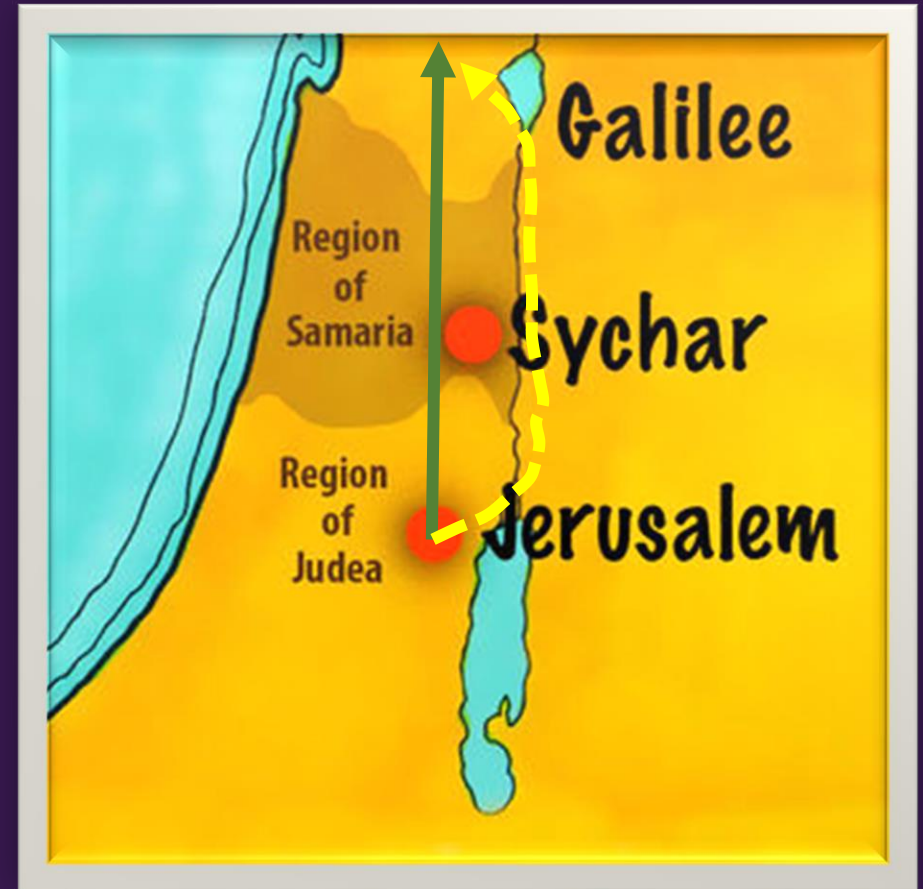
A Samaritan woman came to the well to get some water. Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." (This happened while Jesus' followers were in town buying some food.)

The woman said, "I am surprised that you ask me for a drink. You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan." (Jews are not friends with Samaritans.)



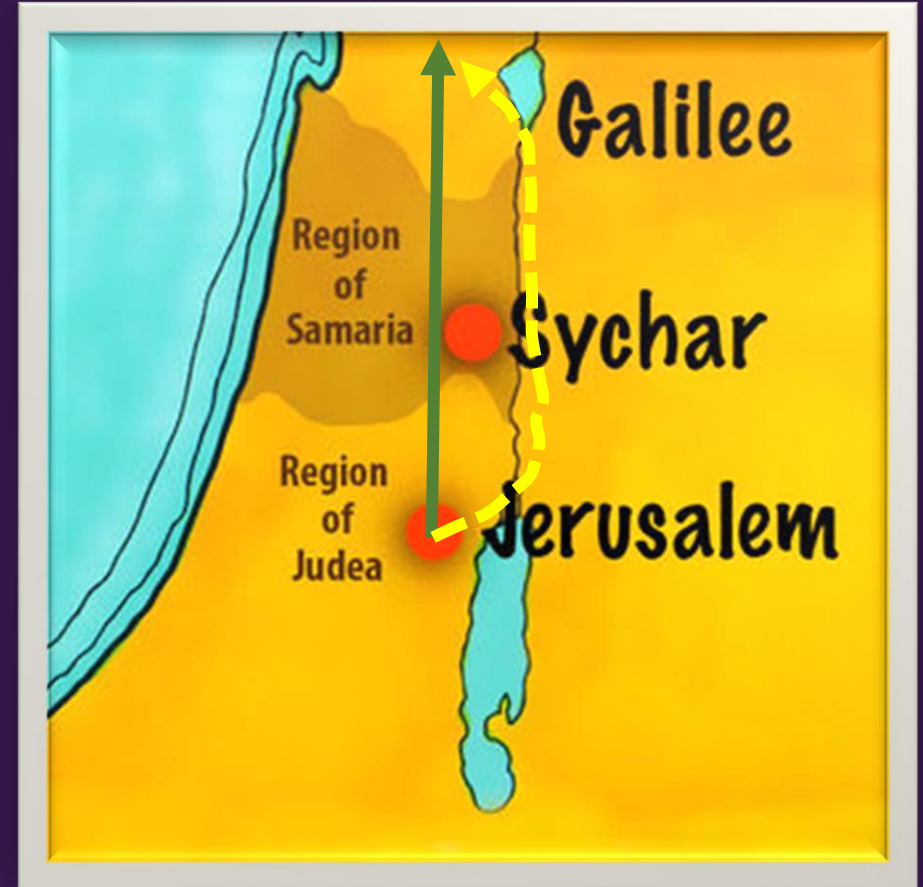
Family Discussion

1. Jesus was in Jerusalem and needed to go to Galilee.
 - ❑ *Should he take the green or yellow route?*
2. Most Jews avoided going through Samaria because they hated the Samaritans and looked down on them. They would rather take a long route.
 - ❑ *Isn't it strange that the bible says Jesus "had to" go through Samaria?*
3. Jesus "had to" go through Samaria because...
 - ❑ *He liked drinking from a particular well there*
 - ❑ *He wanted to make the Jews angry*
 - ❑ *He cared for one particular woman and wanted to tell her the good news*



Family Discussion

4. Not only did the Jews look down on the Samaritans, Jewish men looked down on women too.
 - ❑ *Why did Jesus break all "traditions" and ask the woman for water?*





Let's continue...

Jesus said, "You don't know what God gives. And you don't know who asked you for a drink. If you knew, you would have asked me, and I would have given you living water."

The woman said, "Sir, where will you get that living water? The well is very deep, and you have nothing to get water with. Are you greater than Jacob, our father? Jacob is the one who gave us this well. He drank from it himself. Also, his sons and flocks drank from this well."

Jesus answered, "Every person who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again. The water I give will become a spring of water flowing inside him. It will give him eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water. Then I will never be thirsty again. And I will not have to come back here to get more water."

Family Discussion

(Read Jesus' words on the right...)

1. What is the difference between ordinary water and living water Jesus offers?
2. What is so special about the water that Jesus gives?
3. Jesus said the water he gives will become a spring of water that gives people eternal life.
 - ❑ *How did the woman reply Jesus? (Read previous page again)*
 - ❑ *Did she understand Jesus wasn't talking about normal drinking water?*

Every person who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again...

The water I give will become a spring of water flowing inside him. It will give him eternal life.



Jesus told her, "Go get your husband and come back here."

The woman answered, "But I have no husband."

Jesus said to her, "You are right to say you have no husband. Really you have had five husbands. But the man you live with now is not your husband. You told the truth."

The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain. But you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where people must worship."



Go get your husband...



I have no husband...

Family Discussion

1. Why did Jesus suddenly switch from talking about water to husband?
(Can have more than 1 answer)

- ❑ *Jesus was bored talking about water*
- ❑ *He knew water wasn't the real need of the woman*
- ❑ *He knew the woman had some dark secrets and he wanted to help her. What were those dark secrets?*



Go get your husband...



I have no husband...

Family Discussion

2. The woman said she had no husband but Jesus knew she had 5 already! Why did the woman have so many husbands?

- Her parents wanted her to marry many times*
- She felt lonely and tried to find love among men*
- In Samaria, women married often*

Explain your answers.

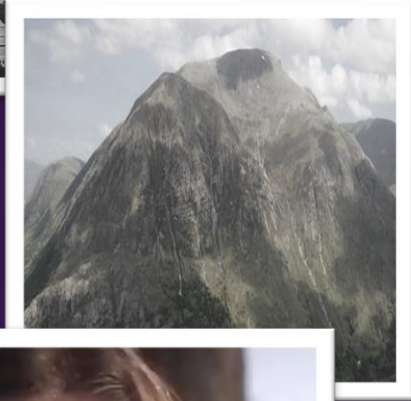
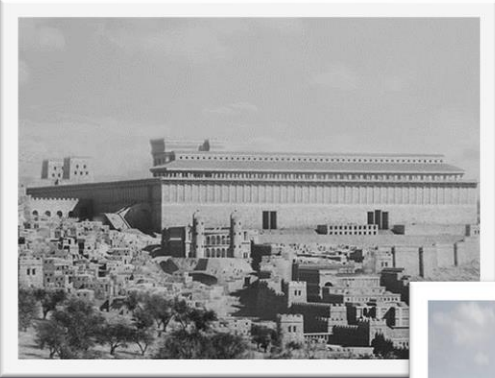
3. Why did she come out to get water at the hottest time when no other villagers were around? (Hint: was she proud of or ashamed of her past?)



Go get your husband...



I have no husband...



Jesus said, "Believe me, woman. The time is coming when you will not have to be in Jerusalem or on this mountain to worship the Father. You Samaritans worship what you don't understand. We Jews understand what we worship. Salvation comes from the Jews."

The time is coming when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. That time is now here. And these are the kinds of worshipers the Father wants. God is spirit. Those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming." (Messiah is the One called Christ.) "When the Messiah comes, he will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus said, "He is talking to you now. I am he."

Family Discussion

I am he.



1. The Samaritans worshipped on the mountain nearby. Jews worshiped in Jerusalem.
 - Did Jesus say where people should worship?
 - Which is more important: **where** we worship or **who** we worship?
2. Jesus said true worshippers will worship the Father in _____ & _____. This is because God is _____.

I am he.



Though the Samaritans and the Jews disagreed on most things, they had one thing in common. They were both waiting for the Messiah (Christ), God's promised King to come and save them from their enemies.

It is shocking to hear someone says "I am he." This is because God gave Himself the name "I am" when Moses asked for His name on Mount Sinai. So someone who uses God's name must be crazy, or else He must be...

Just then his followers came back from town. They were surprised because they saw Jesus talking with a woman. But none of them asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?"

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to town. She said to the people, "A man told me everything I have ever done. **Come see him. Maybe he is the Christ!**" So the people left the town and went to see Jesus...Many of the Samaritans in that town believed Jesus was the Saviour of the world.



Family Discussion

1. When Jesus said "I am he", the woman left her water jar behind and went to town.
 - What was the first thing she said to show her faith in Jesus?
 - Why wasn't she ashamed of meeting people anymore?
2. What was people's reaction to Jesus?
3. The woman longed for love. She tried out one husband after another, but was still "thirsty" inside. She had living water from Jesus and was never "thirsty" again. She became a new person !
4. Let each family member take turn to share
 - Have you ever filled your life with things (or people) other than Jesus?
 - If knowing Jesus is so good, how are some ways you can tell others about Jesus?

Summary

1. Jesus "had to" go through Samaria because he was seeking the woman at the well.
2. The woman felt something was missing in her life and looked for it among men. She messed up her life but still couldn't find it.
3. Jesus offered her living water that brings eternal life.
4. The woman changed completely after knowing Jesus. Because of her, others also believed Jesus is the Saviour of the world.

The Story Also Tells us About
Human Needs

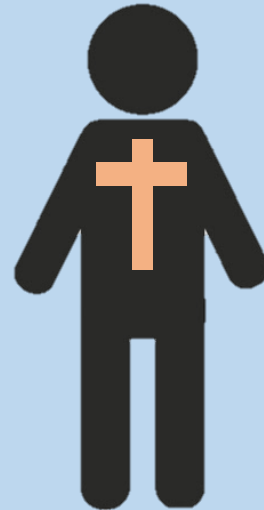
3 Kinds of Human Needs

- ❑ Humans have 3 kinds of needs: (1) Physical, (2) Emotional, (3) Spiritual
- ❑ Some people fill their lives with physical things like money & food (like the woman who needed water)
- ❑ Others believe that if they have human love, they will be complete (like the woman with 5 husbands)
- ❑ **Only God can truly meet our deepest needs which are spiritual (like the woman meeting Jesus)**

Physical needs
(water, food,
money...)



Spiritual needs
(God)



Emotional needs
(parents, friends,
wife/husband..)



Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Him.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

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Precious Cross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6dEU4h0xkM>

