



Bible in the Week

A weekly resource for
3-11s to engage with the
Bible at home

Who Are We?

My name is Shona Hunter-Singh and I am currently the Children's and Family Worker at Gold Hill Baptist Church in Chalfont St Peter.

In a typical week we love to connect with children and families from our village and beyond. Due to the worlds current situations, meeting in person has had to stop for the time being. However, this doesn't mean that we don't want to continue connecting with our community.

Over the next season we will be uploading different resources to our website for 0-11s and families at:

goldhill.org/kidszone

Here you will also find a weekly plan for the different things we will be uploading or doing virtually that you would be more than welcome to join.

You are also able to contact myself directly at

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How it Works

Every Wednesday we will post up a small pack that we pray will help you in engaging with the Bible at home, especially during times such as these.

Each pack will include:

Bible Passage:

This will include the passage that the rest of the pack will be looking at as well as some other ways of presenting and sharing stories from the Bible with children.

Age Appropriate Study/Reflections:

This will provide some resource to help children engage with the passage they have read previously. It will vary each week and include different activities and questions appropriate to their ages. With the younger age groups adults will need to help them with explaining the activities.

Prayer Time:

A written prayer or prayer activity to do as a family or encourage your children to do it themselves.

Extra Bits:

At the back there will be a colouring sheet and one extra activity such as a word search.

Take Some Time Together:

We would love to encourage you to take this opportunity to spend time together around the Bible. You may find that what is in this pack leads you onto another conversation.

Bible Story

John 4:1-38 New Living Translation (NLT)

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

Jesus knew the Pharisees had heard that he was baptizing and making more disciples than John ²(though Jesus himself didn't baptize them—his disciples did). ³So he left Judea and returned to Galilee.

⁴He had to go through Samaria on the way. ⁵Eventually he came to the Samaritan village of Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; and Jesus, tired from the long walk, sat wearily beside the well about noontime. ⁷Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." ⁸He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.

⁹The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?"

¹⁰Jesus replied, "If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water."

¹¹"But sir, you don't have a rope or a bucket," she said, "and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? ¹²And besides, do you think you're greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?"

¹³Jesus replied, "Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. ¹⁴But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life."

¹⁵"Please, sir," the woman said, "give me this water! Then I'll never be thirsty again, and I won't have to come here to get water."

John 4:1-38 (3-4 year olds)

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

A lady lived in a small town. Every day she had to walk to the well to get water.

One day, she went to the well at dinner time and Jesus was there. "Hello," said Jesus, "can I have a drink please?" The lady gave Jesus some water and they carried on talking. The lady was a bit surprised, because not many people liked to talk to her. She said to Jesus, "Why are you talking to me?"

Jesus laughed. "If you knew who I really am, you would ask me for living water and you would never feel thirsty again." The woman thought that sort of water sounded good. "Oh, I'd love not to have to keep coming to the well," she said. "Can I have your living water?"

But then Jesus explained that he wasn't talking about real water – he was talking about pretend water. What he meant was that if she became one of his friends, she would always feel happy inside. The lady got very excited when she understood what Jesus meant, because she was often sad. She said to Jesus, "I don't know much about God, but one day he will send us a special teacher to teach us all we need to know. He will be called our Saviour."

"That's me," Jesus told her.

The woman was amazed! Her eyes popped wide open – here she was; a poor, sad, lonely lady and she had just met the Saviour. She ran all the way back to town. and said to the people there, "Come with me and meet the man from God!"

Everybody in the town came running to see Jesus. They were so excited by what Jesus told them that he stayed with them for two whole days.

When Jesus went away the lady wasn't thirsty any more – she knew all about God and she knew that he loved her. And she had also made friends with people in her town.

Other ways to share the story:

Life Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Vf3rqnoG5c>

Saddleback Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pNxNWv6KZ7s>

Bible for Children Story Images:

https://bibleforchildren.org/PDFs/english/The_Woman_at_the_Well_English.pdf

3-4s

Activity:

When the Samaritan woman met Jesus she was sad because she didn't think she was important. But, when she met Jesus, He let her know that she was special.

Look around for things that you can stick or cut that look special. Maybe something shiny, or a shell. On a piece of paper write "I am special to God" and decorate it with lots of special looking things.

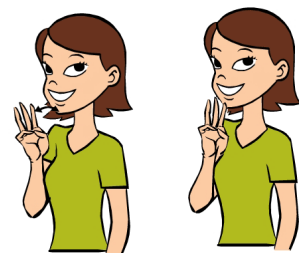
Can you point to the water?



Jesus said that He gives living water. Just like we need to drink water, we also need Jesus!



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Question:

What do you do when you are thirsty?

- a) Go on a walk b) Have a drink c) Buy a Chocolate Bar

What do you think Jesus meant when he said that He could give...



Question:

Did Jesus tell the woman off for the things she had done wrong?

Why do you think He did that?

Why do we need water?

Why do we need Jesus?

Is Jesus' living water only for perfect people?

Activity:

You will need: Paper, Pen, A Cup, A Straw, Water, Washing Up Liquid and Food Colouring.

1. On a piece of paper draw the outline of a raindrop
2. In a cup put 3 tablespoons of water, 1 table spoon of washing up liquid and some drops of food colouring and give it a mix.
3. With a straw blow **out** to make lots of bubbles.
4. Put your paper on top of the bubbles and do this until your raindrop is covered.
5. When your paper has dried, cut out the rain drop and write Jesus is the living water.

Make a Note:

Over the next few weeks we are going to be looking at lots of different stories about when people met Jesus. Maybe you could make a book of lots of different pictures reminding you of these!

7-11s

Did You Know?

That Jews and Samaritans didn't get on. Jesus was Jew, when He spoke to the Samaritan woman it would have been such a shock to people around him! This woman in particular was also ashamed of things she had done. Because of this it would have been a double shock that Jesus was talking to her!

Putting it into Action:

Find 1 John 2:6 in the Bible, what does it say?

Thinking about how Jesus treated the Samaritan woman, what can we learn from Jesus and how can we be more like him?



Question:

What did Jesus tell the woman he could give her?

Why did she want "living water"?

What did Jesus mean when he talked about living water?

Did the woman understand this?

What does Jesus being the 'living water' mean to you?



Activity:

You will need: a Rock and some paints or markers

When we meet Jesus He looks past everything that we have done wrong and chooses to love us anyway. In Jesus, we find everything that we need as He is the living water.

Before you go out on your one exercise of the day paint a rock that says that Jesus is the living water, or that He loves everyone. Leave it out somewhere for somebody to find.

Even though we aren't allowed to go and see people outside our houses, we can still let people know that Jesus loves them!

Prayer Time

Seeds

Water helps things grow. When we water plants, we can see them grow. If you have some seeds at home, plant them somewhere in your garden or in a flower pot.

Maybe, each day you want to water the seeds and pray that you will remember that Jesus is the living water!

As they flower and grow, pray a prayer of praise and thanks to God for being the living water!

Dear God,

Thank you that you look past all of my mistakes and still love me.

Jesus, we know that we need you every day! Thank you that you give us living water. Thank you that in you we find everything that we need.

We pray, that even though we can't go out to see people you show us how we can tell others that you love them too, just like the Samaritan woman.

Amen

Can you help the woman get to the well?

