



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle A - III Sunday of Advent

Exodus 17, 3-7; Psalm 94; Romans 5, 1-2.5-8; John 4, 5-15. 19b-26. 39a. 40-42 (shorter)

The woman at the well.

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.— Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed, the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Reflection

Why did the woman ask, how Jesus, a Jew, asks her for water? (The Jews and the Samaritans did not get along because of differing religious beliefs including where they worship God: the Jews worshiped in the temple in Jerusalem and the Samaritans worshipped on the mountain in Samaria.) **Why doesn't Jesus care that she is Samaritan?** (Jesus loves everyone equally.)

Jesus responds "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." What does Jesus say about the water He gives? ("Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.") **What does this mean?** (The water that Jesus speaks of is the Holy Spirit in our hearts who inspires us to love God and our neighbor thus helping to build God's Kingdom.) **Who does she think that Jesus is?** (A prophet) **Jesus reveals that He is the Messiah and she converts and takes the good news to many who also convert.**



Activity

On the following page, complete the word search. On the last page, Cut and glue dove on the back side of the heart. Share how water is a symbol of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. (Water cleanses us; the Holy Spirit purifies us. Water keeps us alive; the Holy Spirit gives us God's life in our hearts.) Share how each one can take God's love to others and write it on the other side of the heart.

Prayer

Jesus, send your Holy Spirit and fill my heart with Your Love and Peace. Help me to take this love to the world. Amen.

Song: Peace like a River, CJ and Friends, (Ctrl Click) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6085sLXCMs>

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/13evC9wgBIHlk_KYxAwgoalb6TZDC18Yj/edit?usp=share_link&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true



Word Search for The Woman at the Well

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

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S A M A R I T A N D W T A
L L A M C O N S E Q O I C
W O R S H I P D I M M A O
E E E L E X E I I E A U B
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T I N L N D R C T S T V E
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Y R E T O L L S A V I O R

BUCKET
BAPTIZING
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JACOB
MESSIAH
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SAMARITAN
SAVIOR
THIRSTY

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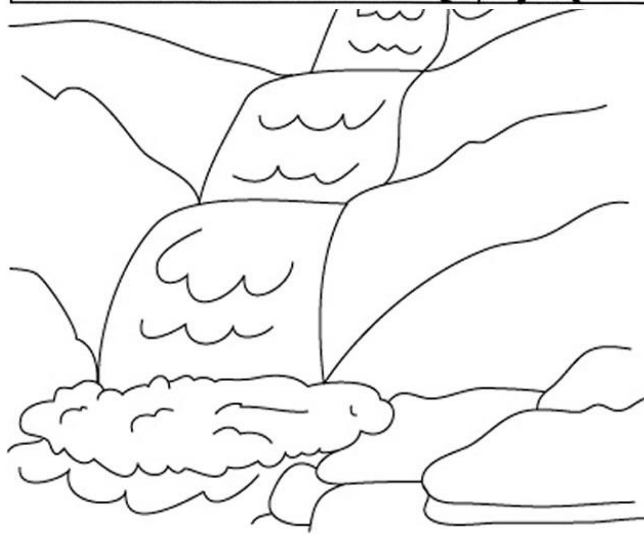
Instructions: cut and glue on a large red heart. Cut and glue dove on the back side of the heart. Share how water is a symbol of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. (Water cleanses us; the Holy Spirit purifies us. Water keeps us alive; the Holy Spirit gives us God's life in our hearts.) Share how each one can take God's love to others and write it on the other side of the heart.

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