









LESSON THREE FILL UP: WOMAN AT THE WELL

LESSON IMAGES

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LESSON SUPPLIES

1. Clear plastic cup with holes poked in it.

2. Pitcher of water.

3. A towel to wipe up any water spills.

4. Container to catch spilled water.

5. Three plastic cups to represent friends, family, & hobbies.

6. Clear plastic cup without holes.



LESSON INTRO

CLEAR CUP WITH HOLES & WATER

SAY: I need one young lady to help me with an object lesson. (Have the young lady hold the cup with holes in it.)

SAY: Today, we will be discovering a Bible story involving the source of water and a woman at a well. You (motioning at the young lady) will be representing the woman at the well and this cup will represent her broken heart, hence the holes in the cup. (Place a container on the floor in front of the young lady to catch the water that

spills out of the cup.)

SAY: Now I need three other volunteers. You each will represent family, friends, and hobbies.

(Have them hold one cup each filled with water and stand in a line shoulder to shoulder, facing the crowd of kids.)

ASK: Has anyone heard the story of the woman at the well before?

SAY: Today, we want to take a closer look at this incredible story from the Bible and learn how we can apply it to our own lives while connecting it to our Mission offering challenge this month as well.

Now that our helpers are in place, let's begin this story of the woman at the well.

WOMAN AT THE WELL

JOHN 4:1-15

SAY: Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that He was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John. Although, in fact, it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. Now, He had to go through Samaria.

So He came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give Me a drink?" His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.

The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. How can You ask me for a drink?" For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.

SAY: Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where can You get this living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

SAY: The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."



ASK: Do you think the woman at the well was thirsty?

SAY: Yes, because of her sins and the broken life she was living, she had to draw water from the well during the hottest part of the day when no one else was around.

She was truly thirsty for water, but even more so, she thirsted for *new life,* for real love, acceptance, and forgiveness that only comes from Jesus Christ.

SHOW & SAY: Like our young lady here representing the woman at the well, she had been trying to fill her life with things that couldn't fix her broken heart.

Like... friends (Have one of the three volunteers pour the cup of water into the young lady's cup. The water will drip out due to the holes.) The water stays in for just a bit to satisfy the thirst but then becomes empty.

Or family...(Have another volunteer pour their cup of water into the young lady's cup. The water will all drip out into the container below.)

Or hobbies and activities. (Have the last volunteer pour their cup of water into the young lady's cup. All water drips out, leaving the cup empty.)

SAY: Nothing could fix the woman at the well's broken heart. Everything she would try to fill her life with would only leave her empty.

THE WORLD WILL LEAVE US EMPTY



SAY: Thank you to my volunteers for helping us with our object lesson today. Let's give them a hand-clap.

Our story continues as the woman says to Jesus, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus explains to the woman that He knows her heart is broken and that the men in her life have left her feeling empty because only He himself can make her feel whole again.

Jesus declared to the woman, "I, the one speaking to you—I am He, the Messiah."

Just then, His disciples returned, and leaving her water jar behind, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?"

SHOW & SAY: You see, like this new cup here, without any holes or brokenness, the woman at the well left completely filled up that day. (Take some water and pour it into the cup to fill it up to the top.)

That's how NEW LIFE looks in Christ. We come to Him broken and empty, and He gives us a new heart through salvation and fills us up with His *LIVING WATER*.

John 4:13-14

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

FILLED UP WITH LIVING WATER



PRAY: Now is a perfect time to pray for those who feel brokenhearted or empty, thirsty for more. Let's remind them that only Jesus Christ can make us feel whole, and only He can fully satisfy our lies.

HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

SAY: Similar to our Bible story today, there are people in this world who are physically thirsty for clean water and also spiritually thirsty for their lives to be filled by Christ alone.

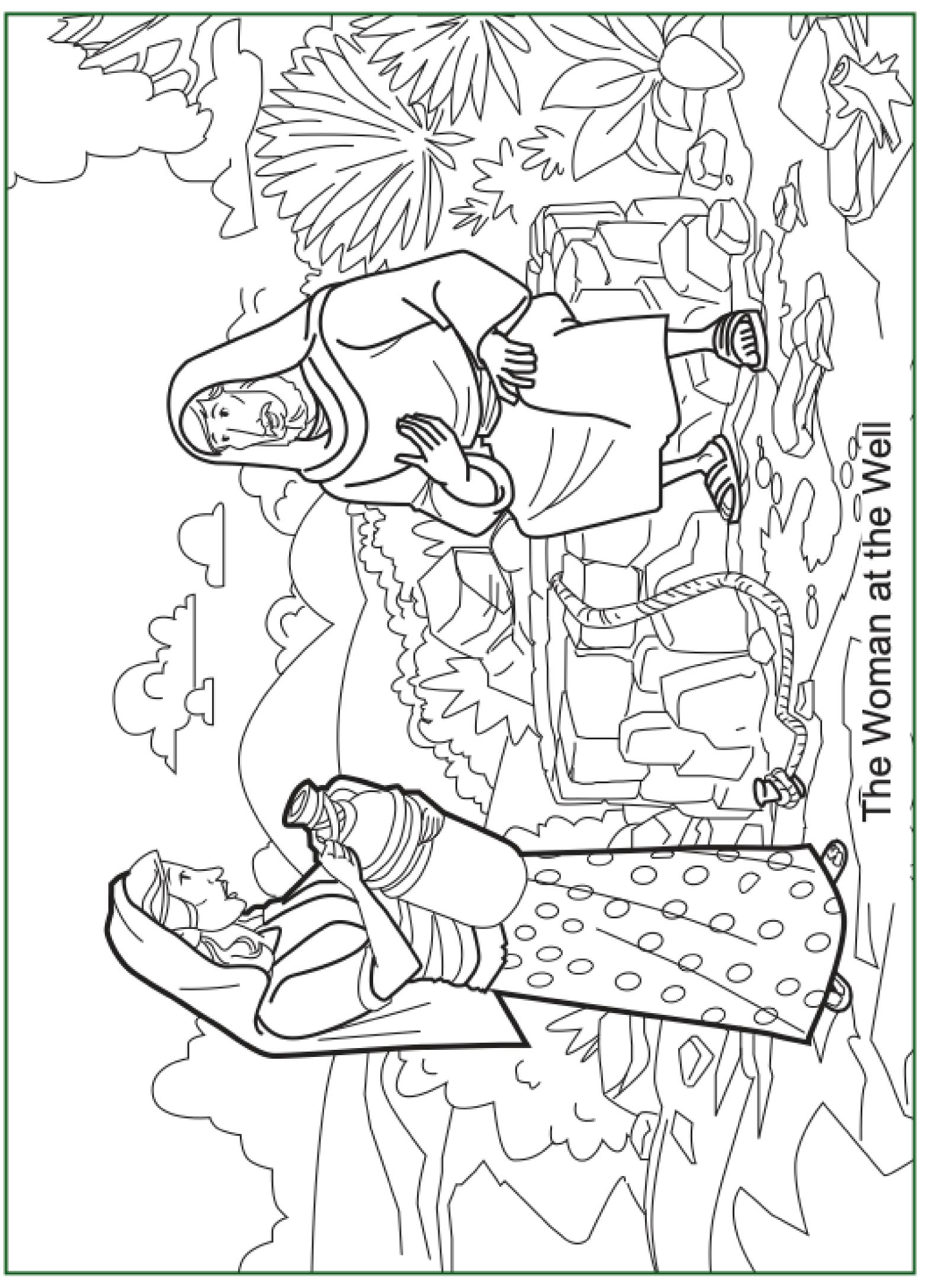
We have been given an incredible opportunity to GO and SHARE with those people through our DIME offering Challenge. By raising these funds, we can sponsor a well or filtration system for those in need of clean water through the Church of God World Missions project.

There are people truly desperate for clean water, just as the woman at the well was, and we can help provide clean water through a well or filtration system while also sharing the good news of Christ through our actions of love and compassion.

You should have a 16 oz plastic bottle for you and your family to fill up with dimes over these several weeks. If you have not received a bottle yet, please let me know. Every bottle filled is about \$100! What an incredible opportunity we've been given to GO & MAKE A DIFFERENCE in the world around us!

ASK: Who has accepted this challenge and has already begun filling their bottle with dimes?

SAY: Make sure you reach out to grandparents, aunts, uncles, and any family members or friends about giving some of their own dimes to donate to your bottle challenge. Share with them the statistics we are learning and that through their giving of dimes, they, too, can make a difference by helping us sponsor a well or filtration system for those without clean water.



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