

Bible Story: Woman at the Well

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1. Read the Bible story in the Spark Story Bible on pages 420-425.
2. Answer the following questions:
 - a. What special kind of water did Jesus give the woman?

The woman at the well lived in Samaria. In the time that Jesus lived, men wouldn't have talked to a woman they didn't know, especially from a place like Samaria. So when Jesus talked with the woman at the well, the disciples were really, really surprised. Jesus did a lot of things that people didn't expect him to. He even did things that people thought he shouldn't do! Jesus crossed boundaries. When he told the woman about living water, Jesus really changed her life!

Activity: Coin Drop Counters

Before we begin, I'd like you to pick up one of your coins and feel it carefully. Can you feel the edge or rim of the coin? It's raised just a bit, isn't it? The rim will be like a boundary in our experiment, and it will make our experiment work.

Our goal is to find out how many drops of water will fit on each coin—penny, nickel, dime, and quarter. Will it be the same amount for each coin? How many drops will each coin hold before the water spills over the sides?

Guesses: penny _____ nickel _____ dime _____ quarter _____

1. Put the penny in front of you on a flat surface.
2. Fill your cup with water.
3. Suck up some water with the eyedropper. Hold the eyedropper straight up and down, and carefully squeeze to let one drop go at a time on top of your penny.
4. Count how many drops will fit on the penny. Keep careful count—the drop that makes the water spill over is the last drop!
5. Write down your final number on your How Many Drops? Record Sheet.
6. Try each kind of coin three times and see what different results you get.
7. Compare your answers to your siblings or parents.

Did everyone's coins hold the same number of water drops? _____

Did every coin of the same type hold the same number of water drops? _____

How did the rim or edge of the coins secure the drops? _____

In the Bible story about the woman at the well, Jesus broke through some boundaries that we talked about—between men and women they don't know and between Jews and Samaritans. Our coins had boundaries that held our water drops on them, but the living water that Jesus gives to us breaks down all boundaries and offers everyone new life. We can praise God for living water and new life!

Today, we talked about Jesus and the woman at the well, about the boundaries that Jesus broke down and the gift of living water that Jesus promised to the woman and everyone who believed. Jesus is the living water that we need in our lives!

Let us pray: Thank you, Lord, for each day that we live in your love! We are especially grateful for all of the gifts you give us and for the people in our lives who help us learn more about you. Amen.