

St. James Episcopal Church  
A Moment for Kids—of All Ages!  
MARCH 19, 2017—THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
JESUS AND THE WOMAN AT THE WELL



Jesus was in Sychar, a village in Samaria. It was noon and Jesus sat down at the well. A Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said, “Would you give me a drink of water?” The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, “How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?” (Jews in those days wouldn’t be caught dead talking to Samaritans.) Jesus answered, “If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking *me* for a drink, and I would give *you* fresh, living water.” The woman said, “Sir, you don’t even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this ‘living water’?” Jesus said, “Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will become in any one that has it a fresh and flowing spring, gushing fountains of eternal life.” The woman said, “Sir, give me this water so I won’t ever get thirsty, won’t ever have to come back to this well again!”

*John 4:3-15 adapted from “The Message”*

# THE GOSPEL AND REAL LIFE

## JESUS EXPLAINS THINGS TO THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

When you are thirsty, there is nothing better than a cold glass of water. Jesus was thirsty, and he asked for a drink. Then he told the woman at the well about a *different kind of water—living water*. What does he mean? He said that this water is unending, it comes from God, and it brings endless life. Jesus is using water to describe God’s love for you, me and everyone. Imagine, if you can, a life without water, without anything all to drink—water, soda, tea, coffee or milk. Without water we wouldn’t have plants, or animals, we’d just have rocks. It’s the same way with love. Can you imagine a world without love? I don’t even want to try! That’s how important God is, because all love comes from God—the love we receive, share and give. It all comes from God, and God us to have it.

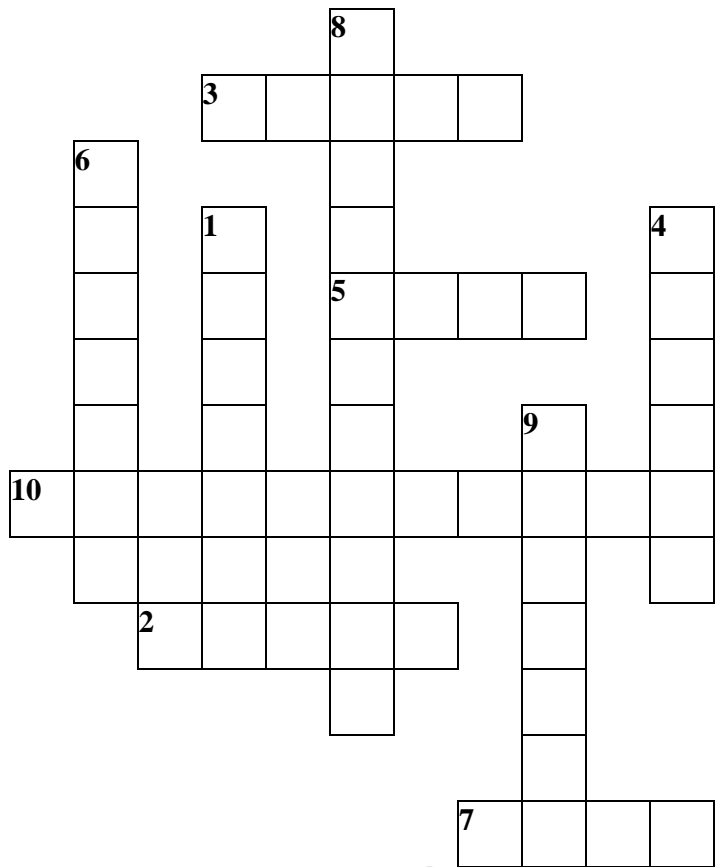
## JESUS AND THE WOMAN AT THE WELL CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**Across**

- 2 What you get from a well.
- 3 Jesus wanted a \_\_\_\_\_ of water.
- 5 The time of day when Jesus was by the well.
- 7 A place to get water.
- 10 What God wants to give us (two words).

**Down**

- 1 Jesus was in \_\_\_\_\_ when he talked to the woman.
- 4 You use a \_\_\_\_\_ to get water out of a well.
- 6 I'm \_\_\_\_\_. Please give me a drink.
- 8 What Jesus offered the woman (two words).
- 9 A small town.



Water, drink, noon, well, eternal life.  
Samarita, bucket, thirsty, living water, village.

## BRINGING THE GOSPEL HOME: THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

“Living Water” probably won’t make much sense to your kids. Think of all the things that water is: (*necessary, cooling, cleansing, life giving, unending...*) and about the things that you get from God (*courage, energy, refreshment, love, forgiveness, understanding, kindness...*) Have a conversation with your children about specifics of what “living water” means to you and what it could mean to them.

**Dinner Table Conversations:**

*Jesus and the Samaritan woman were talking about water, but really two very different kinds of water. What do you think the woman meant by “water”? What do you think Jesus meant?*