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Unit 21 • Session 4
Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

BIBLE PASSAGE:

John 4

STORY POINT:

Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to those who believe

KEY PASSAGE:

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What makes people special? People are special because we are made in God's image, as male and female, to know Him.



The BIBLE Story

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

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Quick Tip: If you read only the bold words, it makes a shorter story for little ones

Jesus had been teaching in Judea. He **and His disciples** began traveling back to Galilee. They **traveled through Samaria** and stopped in a town with a well. **Jesus' disciples** went into town to buy food.

While Jesus was at the well, a Samaritan woman came to get water from the well. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."

The woman was surprised. "Why are You talking to me?" she asked. "You're a Jew, and I'm a Samaritan."

Jesus said, "I asked you for a drink. You don't know who I am. If you did, you would have asked Me for a drink, and I would give you living water."

The woman was confused. She said, "Sir, this well is deep, and You don't have a bucket. Where do You get this 'living water'?"

Jesus said, "Anyone who drinks this well water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks from the water I give will never be thirsty again! In fact, the water I give will become a well inside you, and you will have eternal life." Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, but the woman did not understand.

"Sir," she said, "give me this water. If I'm not thirsty, I won't have to keep coming to this well to get water."

"Go get your husband," Jesus said.

"I don't have a husband," the woman replied. Jesus knew she was telling the truth. He said, "You don't have a husband now, but you've had five husbands."

Jesus was right. "I see You are a prophet," the woman said. Maybe this prophet could explain something to her. She said, "The Samaritans worship here on a mountain, but the Jews say we need to worship at the temple in Jerusalem."

Jesus said, "Soon you will not need to be in either of those places to worship God in spirit and in truth."

The woman said, "I know the Messiah is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus said, "I am the Messiah."

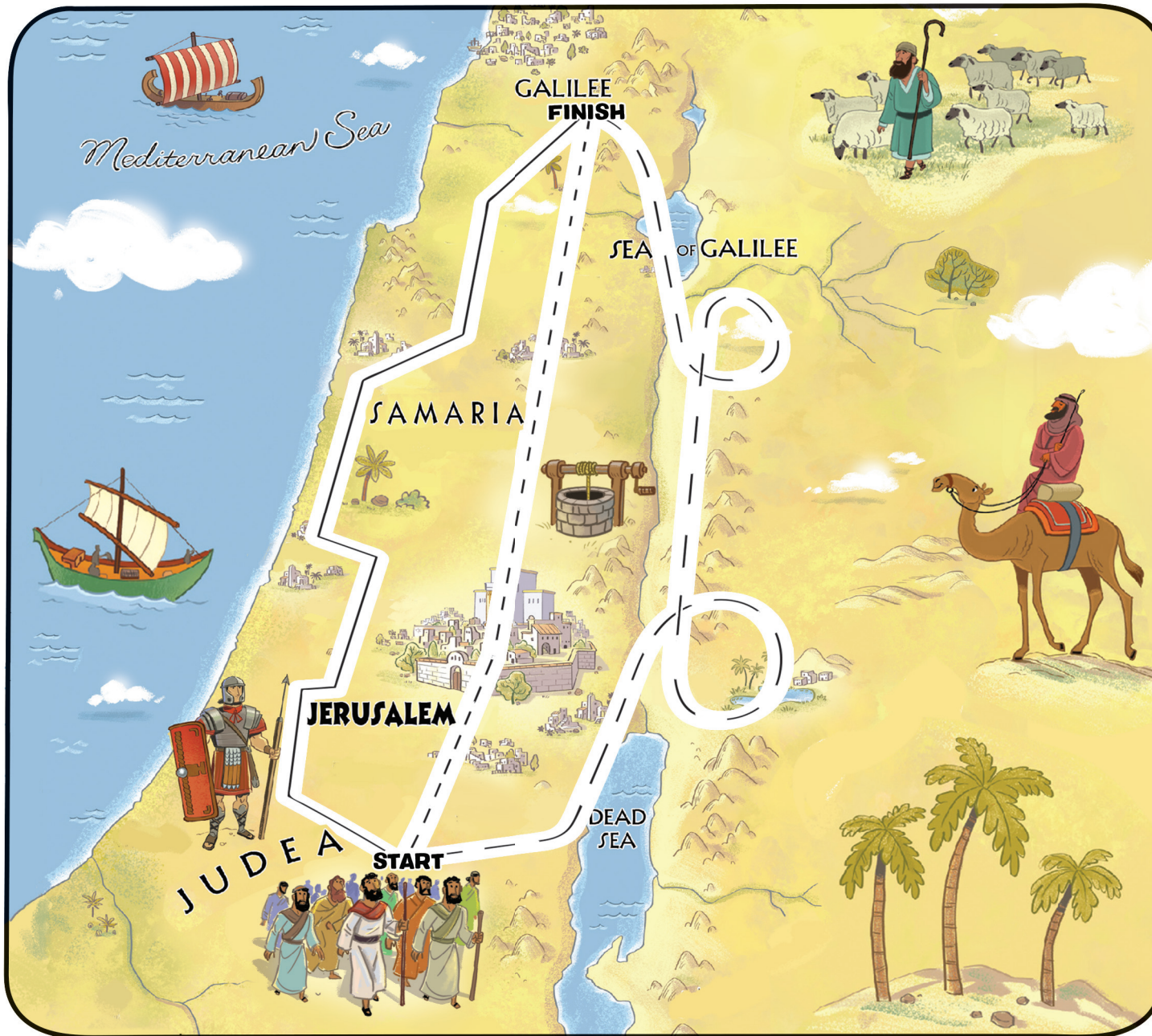
The woman left and told the people in her town, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could this be the Messiah?"

Many Samaritans believed in Jesus because of what the woman said. Jesus stayed in their town for two days. Many more believed because of what Jesus said. They told the woman, "We no longer believe because of what you said, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this really is the Savior of the world."

Christ Connection: Jesus offers something better than physical water; He gives us Himself. Jesus gives the Holy Spirit to everyone who comes to Him by faith. We can worship Him as Lord and Savior wherever we are.

Trip Planning

INSTRUCTIONS: Trace the straightest path from Judea to Galilee.



BIBLE STORY:

- Jesus asked a Samaritan woman at a well to give Him a drink.
- Jesus told the woman that He was the Messiah.
- The woman told other people about Jesus and they believed.
- Jesus loves all people.

KEY PASSAGE: John 3:16

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What makes people special? People are special because God made us in His own image.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Why was the Samaritan woman surprised Jesus talked to her?
- What is the living water Jesus told the woman He could give her?
- What happened when the woman told the people in her town about Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- If weather permits, play with your family in the yard with a sprinkler. Talk to your kids about the way the water fills the hose before shooting out of the sprinkler. Ask them to think of ways to "shoot out" God's love onto others.



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