

# Adventure Club

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## Jesus turns Water into Wine

'Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his followers were also invited to the wedding.

When all the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."



Jesus answered, "Dear woman, why come to me? My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you to do."

In that place there were six stone water jars. The Jews used jars like these in their washing ceremony. Each jar held about 20 or 30 gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled the jars to the top. Then he said to them, "Now take some out and give it to the master of the feast."

This is a photo of the GCI Tororo School in Uganda. The children are acting out this wedding story. The Bride and Groom are under the umbrella. The people standing are the servants. The children are drinking water that has been turned into pretend wine by the addition of strawberry powder!

So the servants took the water to the master. When he tasted it, the water had become wine. He did not know where the wine came from. But the servants who brought the water knew. The master of the wedding called the bridegroom and said to him, "People always serve the best wine first. Later,

after the guests have been drinking a lot, they serve the cheaper wine. But you have saved the best wine till now."

So in Cana of Galilee, Jesus did his first miracle. There he showed his glory, and his followers believed in him.'

John 2:1-11

*International Children's Bible*

## Some Rivers Mentioned in the Bible

**River Jordan** Mentioned about 195 times in the Bible. Originates in Mt Hermon and flows into the Dead Sea which is about 70 miles away. However, if you count all the twists and turns the river is nearly 200 miles long.

**River Nile** At about 4,160 miles long it's the longest river in the world. Its two main tributaries are the White Nile and Blue Nile. Its drainage basin covers eleven countries.

**River Euphrates** Originates in Turkey and flows through Syria and Iraq and empties into the Persian Gulf. It's about 1,780 miles long.

**River Tigris** Starts in Turkey and flows into the Persian Gulf. It's about 1,150 miles long.

# Crossing the Jordan River

'Early the next morning Joshua and all the people of Israel left Acacia. They travelled to the Jordan River and camped there before crossing it. After three days the officers went through the camp. They gave orders to the people. They said, "You will see the priests and Levites carrying the Ark of the Covenant with the Lord your God. Then you should leave where you are and follow it. That way you will know which way to go. You have never travelled this way before. But do not follow too closely. Stay about a thousand yards behind the Ark of the Covenant."

Then Joshua told the people, "Make yourselves holy for the Lord. Tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." Joshua said to the priests, "Take the Ark of the Covenant. Cross over the river ahead of the people." So the priests lifted the Ark of the Covenant and carried it ahead of the people.

Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to make you a great man to all the Israelites. So the people will know I am with you just as I was with Moses. The priests will carry the Ark of the Covenant. Tell them this: 'Go to the edge of the Jordan River and stand in the water.' "

Then Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come here. Listen to the words of the Lord your God. Here is proof that the living God is with you. Here is proof that he will drive out the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and the Jebusites. This is the proof: The Ark of the Covenant will go ahead of you into the Jordan River. It is the Agreement with the Lord of the whole world. Now choose 12 men from among you. Choose 1 from each of the 12 tribes of Israel. The priests will carry the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord, the Master of the whole world. They will carry it into the Jordan ahead of you. When they enter the water, the river will stop flowing. The water will be stopped. It will stand up in a heap as if a dam were there."



Picture credit: Pinterest

So the priests carried the Ark of the Covenant. And the people left the place where they had camped. Then they started across the Jordan River. During harvest the Jordan is flooded. So the river was at its fullest. The priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant came to the edge of the river. And they stepped into the water. Just at that moment, the water stopped flowing. It stood up in a heap a great distance away at Adam. This is a town near Zarethan. The water flowing down to the Sea of Arabah (the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed the river near Jericho. The ground there became dry. The priests carried the Ark of the Covenant with the Lord to the middle of the river and stopped. They waited there while all the people of Israel walked across. They crossed the Jordan River on dry land.'

Joshua 3:1-17

International Children's Bible

Try floating a paperclip on water! It's possible because of water tension. (About 0.1% of insects can walk on water.)

Try rubbing a balloon on something woollen and then place it close to water slowly flowing from a tap, watch the static electricity bend the water! You can do the same with a comb after combing your hair!



A Pond Skater / Water Strider. Photo Credit: Shutterstock

Try putting pepper on top of water in a plate/bowl. Then put some soap on one finger and place that finger carefully in the middle of the water. See what happens!

Cut out a small piece of flat cardboard and place completely over the top of a glass with some water in. Turn upside down. Take your hand away and see if the water stays in!

# THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

(John 4:1-42)

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**See if you can memorize some, or all, of these words:**

'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him. By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.'

John 7:37-39 *New International Version*





A photo of Sychar about a 100 years ago.

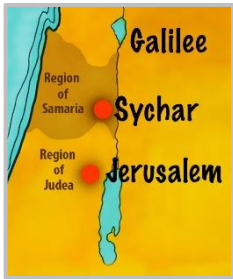
## Jesus Teaches a Deeper Meaning of Water at a Well

'In Samaria Jesus came to the town called Sychar. This town is near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus was tired from his long trip. So he sat down beside the well. It was about noon.



Jacob's Well: A 1934 photo of the traditional site.

A Samaritan woman came to the well to get some water. Jesus said to her, "Please give me a drink." (This happened while Jesus' followers were in town buying some food.) The woman said, "I am surprised that you ask me for a drink. You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan." (Jews are not friends with Samaritans.) Jesus said, "You don't know what God gives. And you don't know who asked you for a drink. If you knew, you would have asked me, and I would have given you living water." The woman said, "Sir, where will you get that living water? The well is very deep, and you have nothing to get water with. Are you greater than Jacob, our father? Jacob is the one who gave us this well. He drank from it himself. Also, his sons and flocks drank from this well."

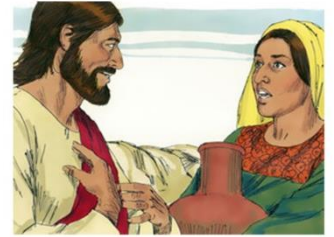


Jesus answered, "Every person who drinks this water will be thirsty again. But whoever drinks the water I give will never be thirsty again. The water I give will become a spring of water flowing inside him. It will give him eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water. Then I will never be thirsty again. And I will not have to come back here to get more water."

Jesus told her, "Go get your husband and come back here." The woman answered, "But I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right to say you have no husband. Really you have had five husbands. But the man you live with now is not your husband. You told the truth."

The woman said, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain. But you Jews say that Jerusalem is the place where people must worship." Jesus said, "Believe me, woman. The time is coming when you will not

'I who speak to you am He.' John 4:26



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**'Then leaving her water jar.'** John 4:28



have to be in Jerusalem or on this mountain to worship the Father. You Samaritans worship what you don't understand. We Jews understand what we worship. Salvation comes from the Jews. The time is coming when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. That time is now here. And these are the kinds of worshipers the Father wants. God is spirit. Those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth."

The woman said, "I know that the Messiah is coming." (Messiah is the One called Christ.) "When the Messiah comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus said, "He is talking to you now. I am he."

Then the woman left her water jar and went back to town. She said to the people, "A man told me everything I have ever done. Come see him. Maybe he is the Christ!" So the people left the town and went to see Jesus. Many of the Samaritans in that town believed in Jesus. They believed because of what the woman said: "He told me everything I have ever done." The Samaritans came to Jesus and begged him to stay with them. So he stayed there two days. Many more believed because of the things he said. They said to the woman, "First we believed in Jesus because of what you told us. But now we believe because we heard him ourselves. We know that this man really is the Saviour of the world."

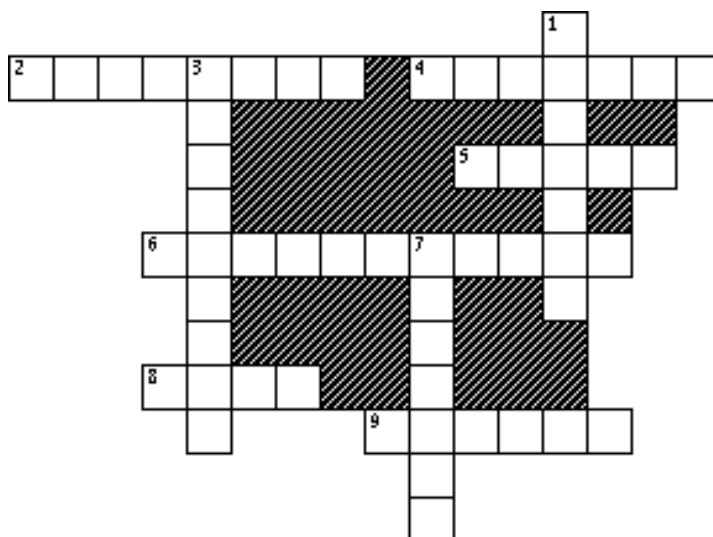
**'Many of the Samaritans from the town believed in Him because of the woman's testimony.'** John 4:39



# THE WOMAN AT THE WELL

JOHN 4:1-42

- 1 DOWN He "departed again to \_\_\_\_." JOHN 4:3  
 4 ACROSS "He came to a city of \_\_\_\_" JOHN 4:5  
 8 ACROSS "Jacob's \_\_\_\_ was there." JOHN 4:6  
 5 ACROSS "Give Me a \_\_\_\_." JOHN 4:7  
 6 ACROSS "given you \_\_\_\_." JOHN 4:10  
 2 ACROSS "a \_\_\_\_ of water" JOHN 4:14  
 7 DOWN "will \_\_\_\_ the Father" JOHN 4:23  
 9 ACROSS "Could this be the \_\_\_\_?" JOHN 4:29  
 3 DOWN "the woman who \_\_\_\_." JOHN 4:39



At Adventure Camp 2019 the children went 'pond-dipping' with the *Northamptonshire, Nene Wetlands, Wildlife Trust*. One of the astonishing creatures many of the children discovered was the Water Spider (sometimes called a Diving Bell Spider). It lives almost entirely underwater breathing air which is trapped in an air bubble in hairs on its abdomen and legs! Some types of water spider also trap air in an underwater web!



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Who walked on water with Jesus?  
 Who struck a rock and water came out of it?  
 What animal thirsts for water? What should we thirst for?

Matthew 14:22-36  
 Exodus 17:1-7  
 Psalm 42:1

## Did you know

- Today, about 1 in 3 people, or 2.2 billion people, around the world lack safe drinking water. Some 297,000 children (more than 800 every day) under five die annually from diarrhoeal diseases due to poor sanitation, poor hygiene, or unsafe drinking water. (World Health Organisation 2019)
- A jellyfish and a cucumber are about 95% water! Our brains are about 70% water!
- The oceanography pioneer Matthew Fontaine Maury (1806-1873) was led by 'paths of the seas' (Psalm 8:8) to chart ocean currents. His work revolutionised shipping by drastically cutting travelling times. Maury gave glory to God for his discoveries.
- 71% of the earth is covered in water. 97% is salty (saline) and 3% is fresh water. Of the fresh water: 68.7% is in icecaps and glaciers, 30.1% is ground water, .9% is 'other' and .3% is surface water. Of the surface water: 87% is in lakes, 11% is in swamps and 2% is in rivers (percentages approximate).

'Happy is the man who does not walk in the way sinful. . . . But he finds joy in the law of the Lord and thinks about His law day and night. This man is like a tree planted by rivers of water, which gives its fruit at the right time and its leaf never dries up. Whatever he does will work out well for him.'

Psalm 1:1-3  
 New Life Version

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