

Children's Resources

Crossing boundaries to
share Jesus' love



John 4
Jesus meets the woman at the well



4 week Series

Lesson 1

Our God
crosses
barriers to
find us!

Required Resources

- Football scarves or guernseys
- Bible
- Coloured paper for invitations
- Coloured textas or pencils for making invitations
- Take home worksheets
- Culture supplies (see sheet depending on our chosen people group)

The Barrier-crossing God

Tune in:

Have your leaders wear football teams scarf or guernsey. Talk about how we take sides. Do you like people from the other team? Would you help them if they were in trouble? Would you tell a Collingwood supporter about Jesus?

Bible Story: John 4:1-9

Read John 4:1-6

Jesus could have gone around Samaria, but He didn't. There was lots of division between the Jews and the Samaritans. But Jesus crossed the barrier between the two people groups, and He spoke to a woman at the well. Have a listen...

Read John 4: 7-9

Jesus wanted to tell all people God's Good News of Salvation.. He knew that this exciting news was not just for people like Him, but that He and many people, like our cross cultural workers today, would have to cross cultural barriers to tell all people the good news.

Story Reflection:

Can you think of someone at school that is very different to you? Do they know about Jesus?

Have you seen people in your neighbourhood that are different to yourself? What ways can we tell all people including those who are different to us about Jesus?

Story Response:

On a coloured piece of card make a invitation to come to church! Make sure you write your church's name, address and what time your services are on.

You might want to write about the kids program and when that happens. You can include your church website and maybe some of the different things we learn about at church.

Memory Verse:

"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.
Mark 16:15"

Verse relay: Using something that can be passed around, have each child say a third of the verse and then pass the object to a child next to them who continues it, and then repeat until all children have had a turn.

Worksheet/Take Home Sheet:

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Culture Games & Activities:

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This is a story about incarnation mission.

Jesus
is the
Messiah
who
crosses
barriers!

How can we
cross barriers
to connect
with people
who are
different to
us?

Craft Template

Hi,

We would like to invite you to our
Church!

We usually meet at...

We have a kids program that
happens at...

At church we learn about...

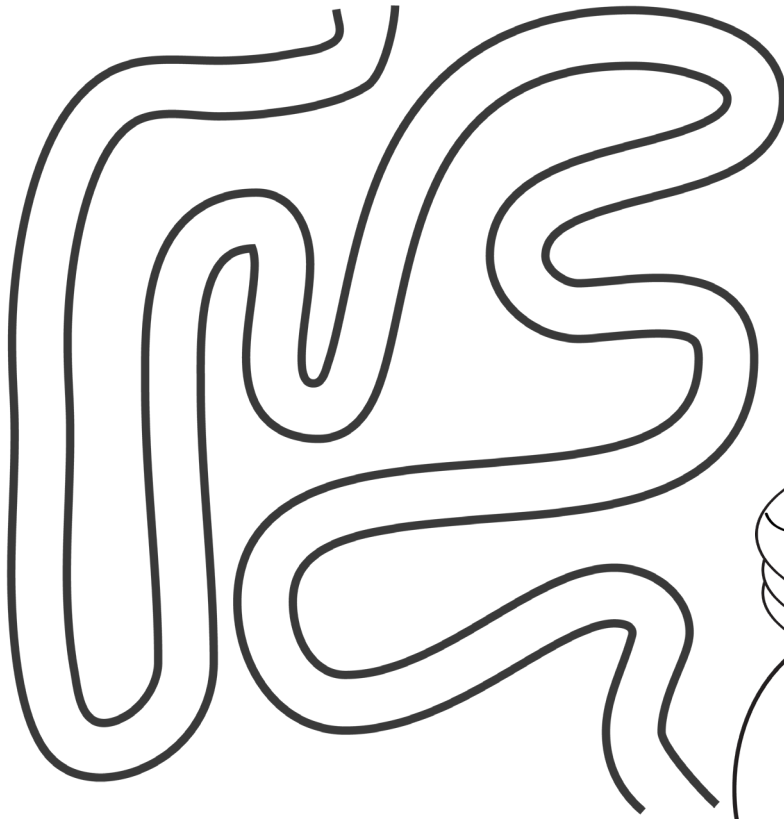
We hope to see you there!

(Photocopy and cut out for use on coloured card. Have children fill in the blanks and then decorate their card. Fill in details before photocopying for youngest children.)

The Barrier-crossing God

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This week we looked at:
John 4:1-9



Memory Verse:

Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Mark 16:15

Family discussion questions:

Who could we invite to church or tell the Good News about Jesus to?

The Barrier-crossing God

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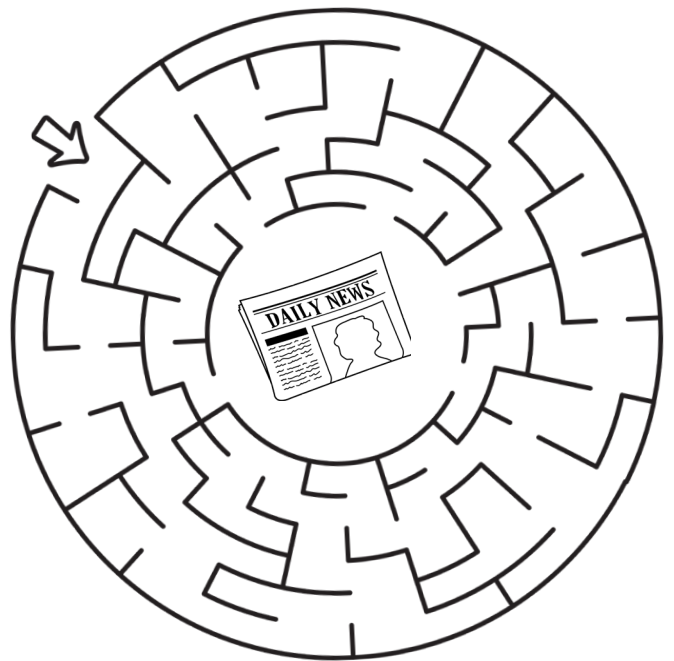
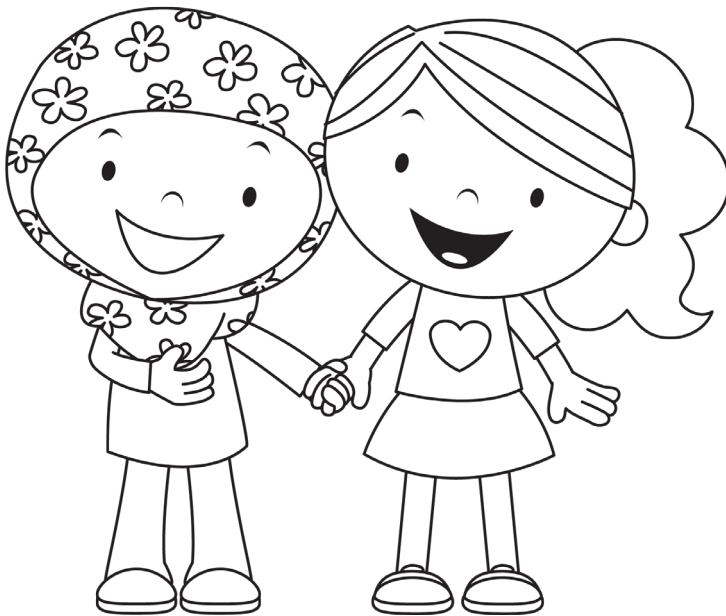
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c r o s s i n g e n l n
r i s n e w s o a k l e
t a w o r l d g c u v y
g o o d w j e w h x y z

Jacob
well
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water
Jew
Jesus
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Memory Verse:

**Go into all the world and preach the
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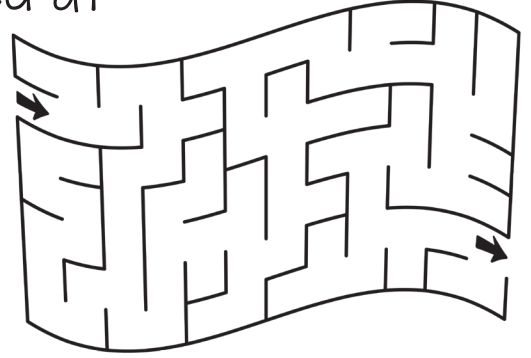
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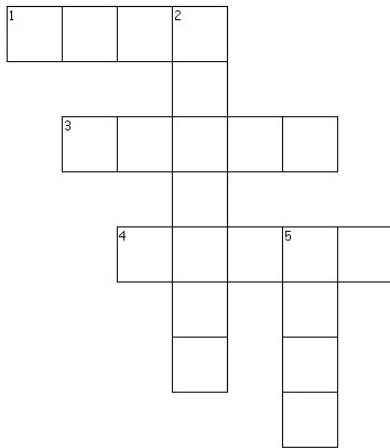


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r i s n e w s o a k l e
t a w o r l d g c u v y
g o o d w j e w h x y z

Jacob	world
well	preach
Samaria	good
water	news
Jew	barrier
Jesus	crossing
Journey	God
drink	ask

Cross word:



Across

1. Samaritans did not get on with this group.
3. Who did Jesus talk to?
4. What did Jesus ask for?

Down

2. What area did Jesus journey through?
5. What time was it?



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Lesson 2

**In Jesus
we have
the most
precious
gift we can
share with
anyone!**

Required Resources

- water in a jug and plastic cups.
- map or globe
- craft template copied
- paper hearts to write verses
- textas, glue/sticky tape
- take home worksheets
- culture supplies (see sheet depending on our chosen people group)

The gift for all Cultures

Tune in:

Have a jug of water and some cups.

Ask if anyone is thirsty. Choose a leader in the room and tell the kids that leader is thirsty. Ask who would like to get a drink for that leader, and have that child come and pour them a drink and take it to them. Ask children "Why do we get thirsty?"

Bible story: John 4:10-15

Ask your children what they remember about last weeks Bible story. Jesus was in Samaria at a well, and asks a lady there for a drink.

Read John 4:10-15

What water could have Jesus talking about?

The water that (the child) gave to (the leader) was just from (the child). Will (leader) get thirsty again?

Maybe it wasn't the water but the giver that is special.

What does God give to us through Jesus that can satisfy us?

Story reflection:

What things make you happy?

Are they things that will last forever, or is it over quickly and you want more again?

If eating chocolate made me happy, whenever I finished eating, I would get sad again and want more. Chocolate is not very satisfying.

Jesus says that He gives us something that satisfies our souls, our deep inner most being. While people who don't know Him may chase after things that fade away, Jesus can satisfy us. Bring us true joy!

How can we fill up when we feel dry? Jesus is the word of God, and by reading the bible, we can read the witnesses accounts of his life and the words of Jesus. Only He can satisfy us!

Story response:

Make a treasure chest out of card, by photocopying the template onto pieces of thicker card. Pre-cut out the chests for younger children. They fold up with the words on the inside so the verse can be seen when the chest is opened.

Have older children write their favourite bible verses, or find a list of verses that Jesus said, that children can write on paper hearts to fold up and fill their chest. Either the whole verse can be written out or just the reference – encouraging children to look them up at home, on their own or with their parents.

Memory verse:

Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth or rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19–21

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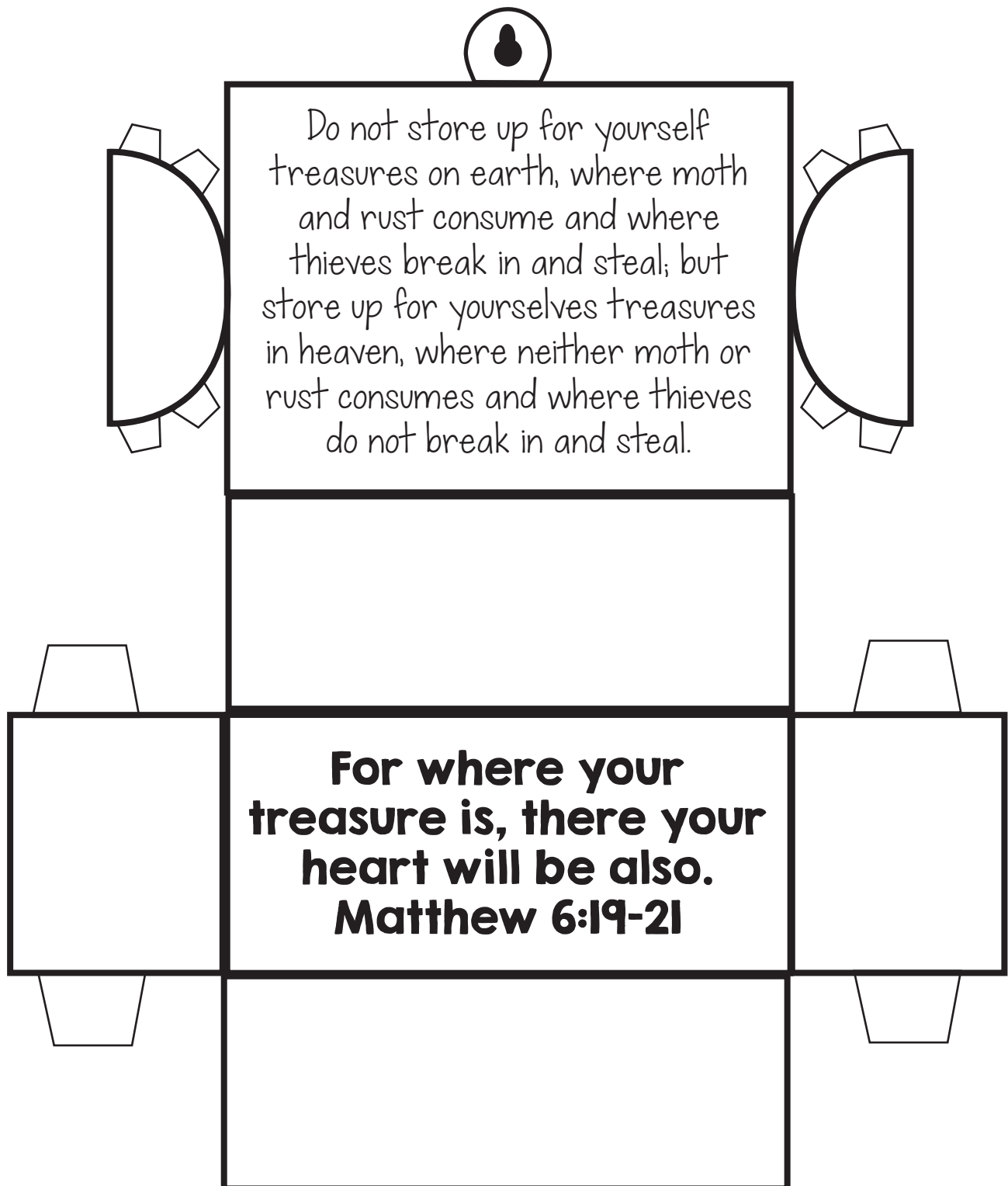
Lesson 2

Jesus surpasses all alternate sources of replenishment, life and meaning.

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'
– John 7:37–38

Lesson 2

Craft Template

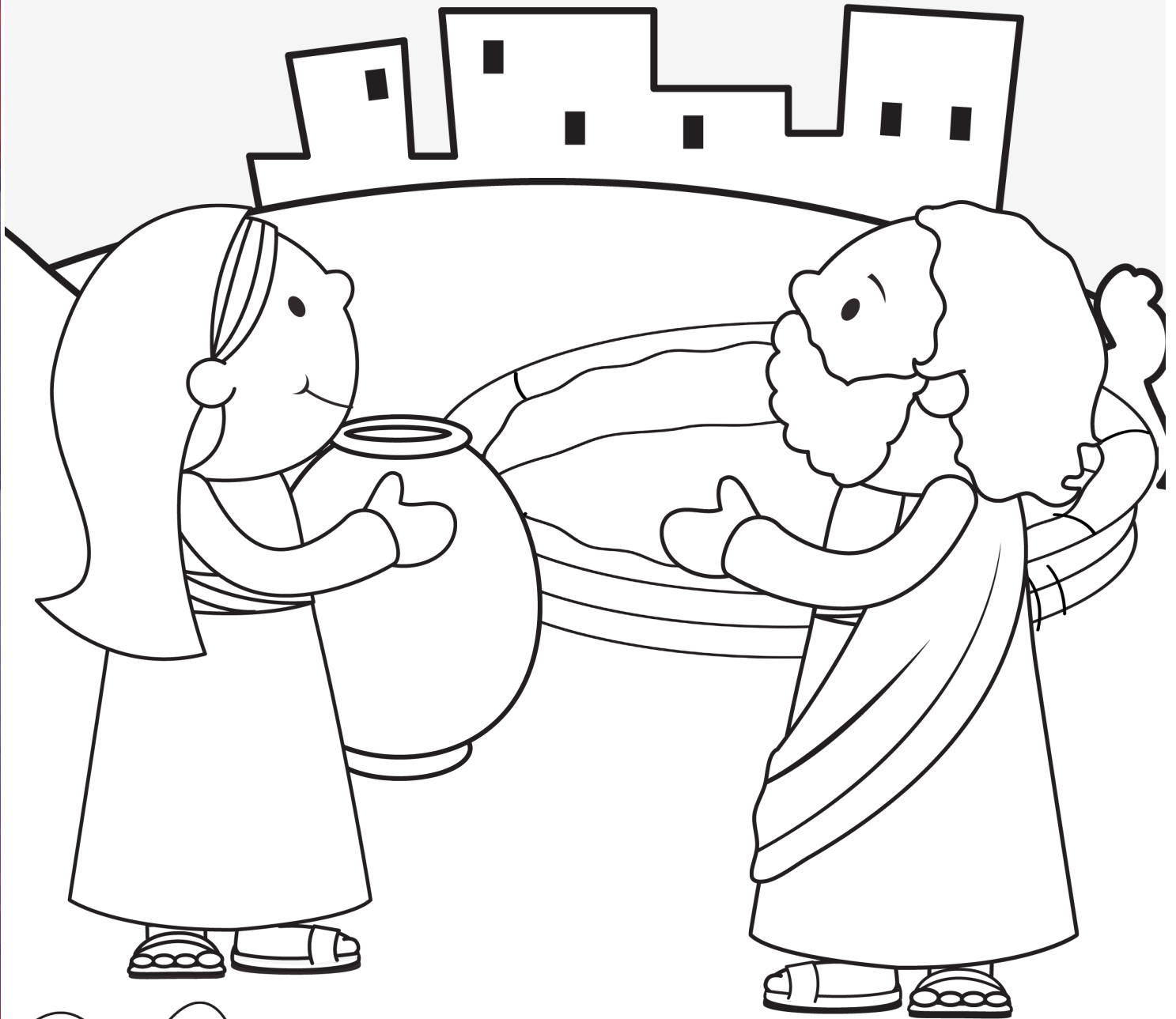


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The Gift for all Cultures

Lesson 2

This week we looked at:
John 4:10-15



Memory verse:

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

Family discussion questions:

What things do we strive for that won't bring lasting satisfaction? How can we focus on Jesus?

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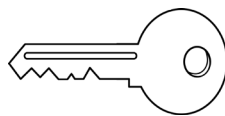
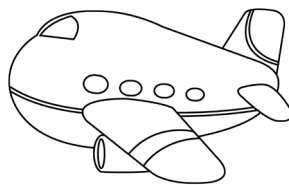
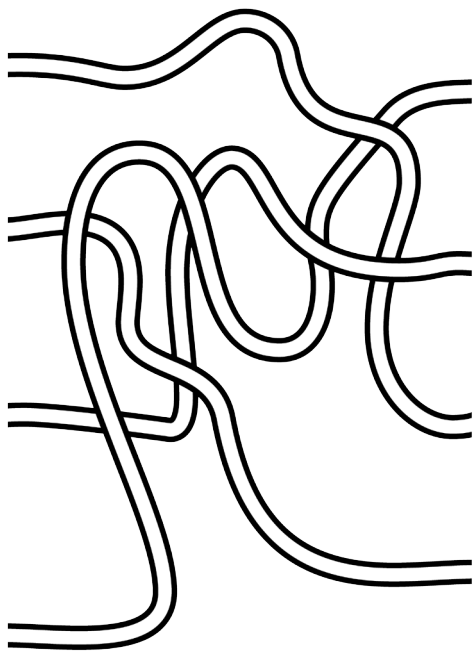
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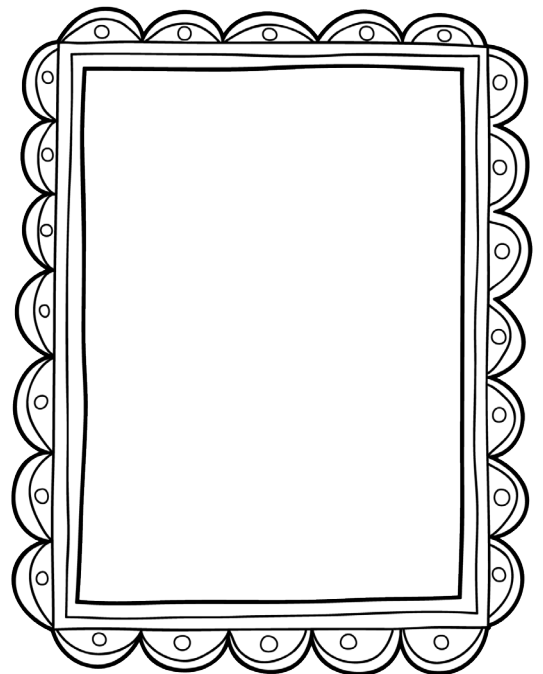
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drink
living
water
thirsty
spring

woman
treasure
heart
gift
love



Draw something
important to you...



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e u r g l s p i r i t o
t r a e h o s j a c o b
j e s u s u v d r i n k
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drink gift
living love
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thirsty greater
spring Jacob
woman Jesus
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heart John
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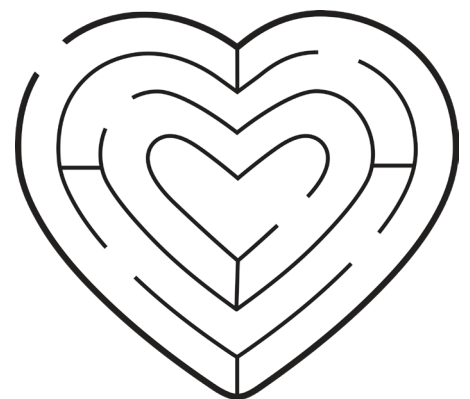
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Lesson 3

The spirit of God has the power to transform lives.

Required Resources

- Bible
- map or globe
- craft template copied
- sticky tape and paddle pop sticks.
- textas, glue/ sticky tape
- take home worksheets
- culture supplies (see sheet depending on our chosen people group)

The Transformational Encounter

Tune in:

Hold up a globe. Are there any places in the world where God is not? There are many people all over the planet that don't know him. But is there anywhere that God isn't present?

God is at work transforming people all over the world.

Bible story: John 4:20-26

Recall what we have done the past two weeks. See what they remember. Jesus is talking with a Samaritan Woman, He offers her living water that will never thirst again.

Read John 4: 20-24

The well was built by their ancestor Jacob, and he would have worship God there before their was a temple to worship him in Jerusalem like the Jews did. This was part of what made the Jews not like the Samaritans. But Jesus says this amazing thing, that the time is coming (after He dies and the spirit of God comes on His people) When people will worship God in spirit and truth. Its not about a mountain or building. We can pray to and worship God where ever we are, worshipping him in Spirit and Truth.

Read John 4: 24-26

Wow! I am he, the messiah, the one that will explain all things to us, I am he – the one who is speaking to you.

This is the first time he openly says it! Before his disciples are even certain that he is the Messiah, this lady knows for sure. Jesus is the one who can change everything. He can change us. He can transform our lives.

Story reflection:

Where do you like to talk to God?

For the Jews the Spirit of God resided in the temple, behind a thick curtain – a place they called the Holy of Holies where only the most high priest could enter once a year.

When Jesus died the curtain tore in two. No longer did the spirit of God reside in the Holy of Holies, but in the Hearts of believers like you and me.

Who can have the spirit of God in them?

How do we receive the spirit of God?

Story response:

Copy onto card the craft template for the characters in the story. Give each child a woman, Jesus, a well and a jug of water. Have them colour them in then cut them out and tape onto paddle pop sticks.

Give them children a chance to retell the story with the person sitting next to them, or read out from the beginning of John 4 and have them act along.

Memory verse:

What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Divide into 5 groups and give each a section of the verse. Get each group to learn their section then have them sit, but stand to say their part. Go through the verse a few times, with each group standing up where they are to say their part, then sitting quickly for the next group to say the next part.

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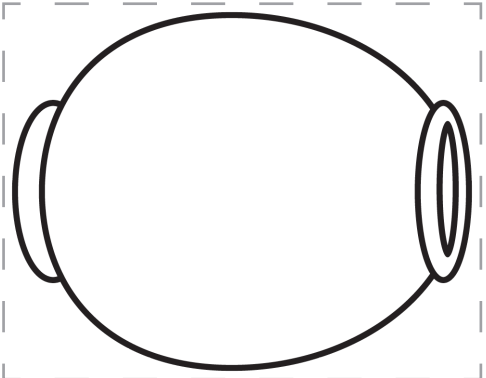
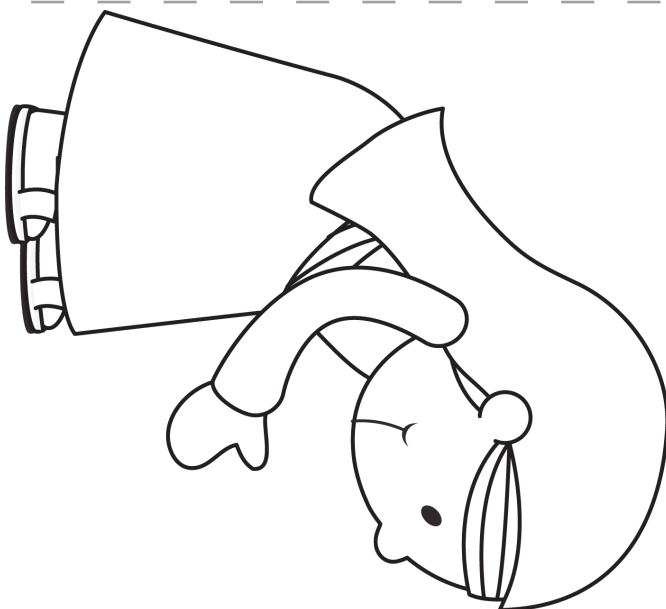
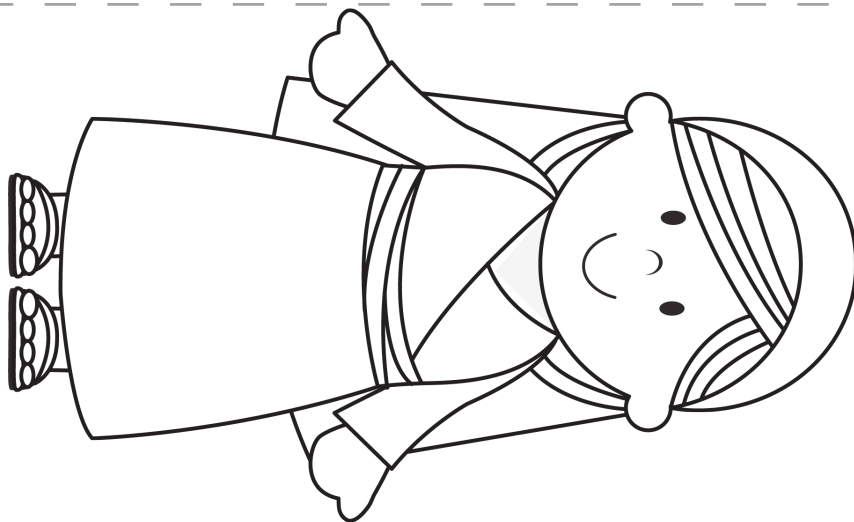
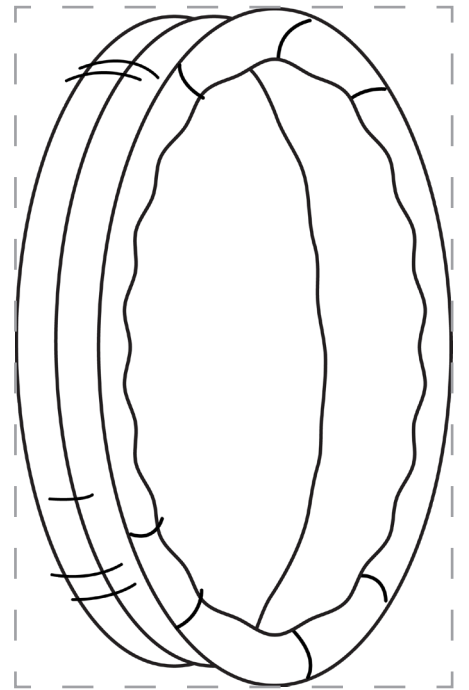
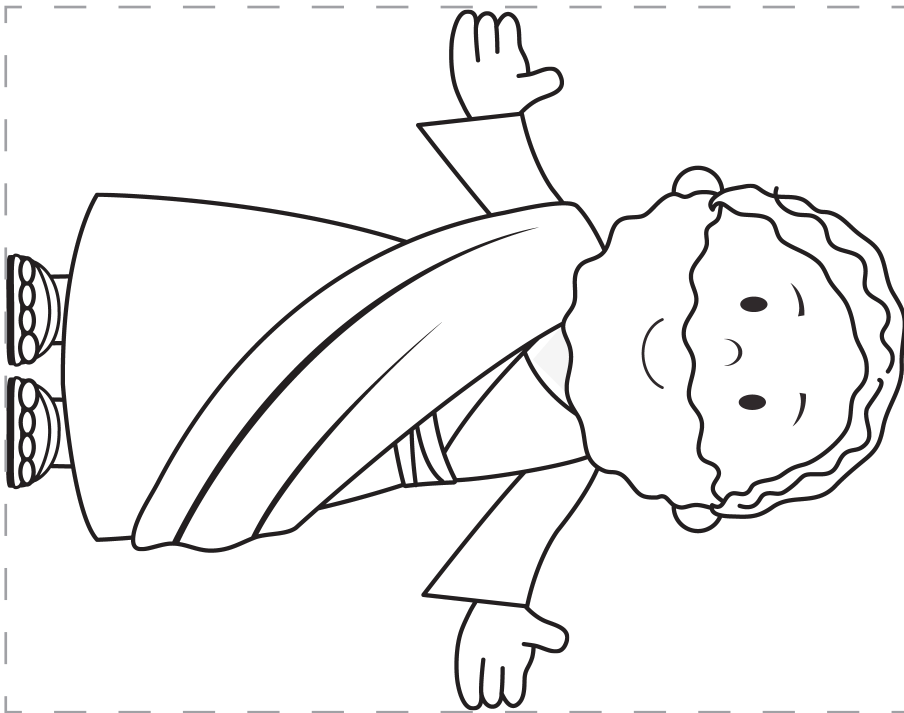
**We can
worship
God where
ever we
are.**

God
chooses to
use us to
share His
Good News,
but only
He can
transform
their lives.

Where can I
go from your
spirit? Or where
can I flee from
your presence?
Psalm 139:7

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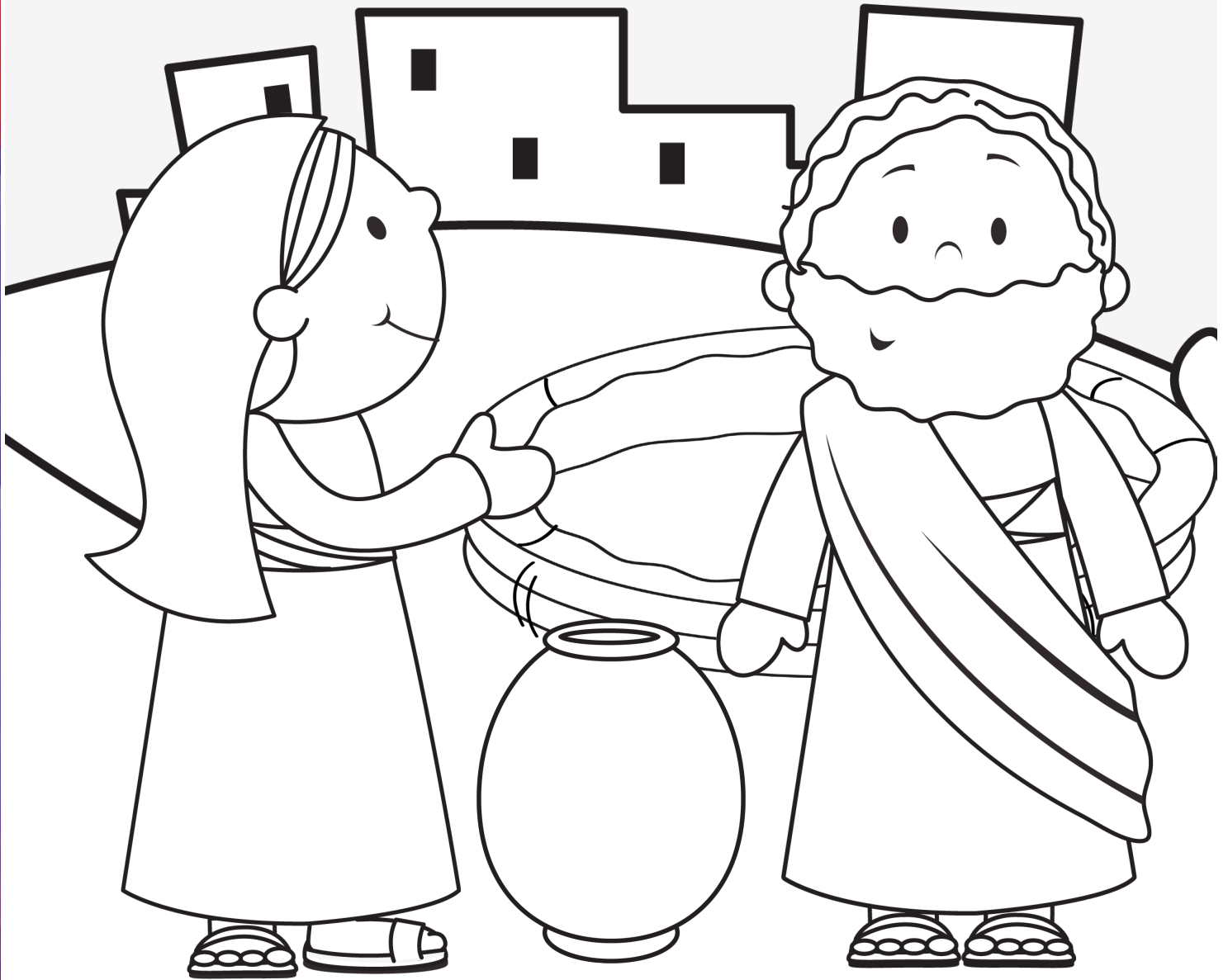
Craft Template



The Transformational Encounter

Lesson 3

This week we looked at:
John 4:20-26



Memory verse:

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Family discussion questions:

When and where do you like to pray?

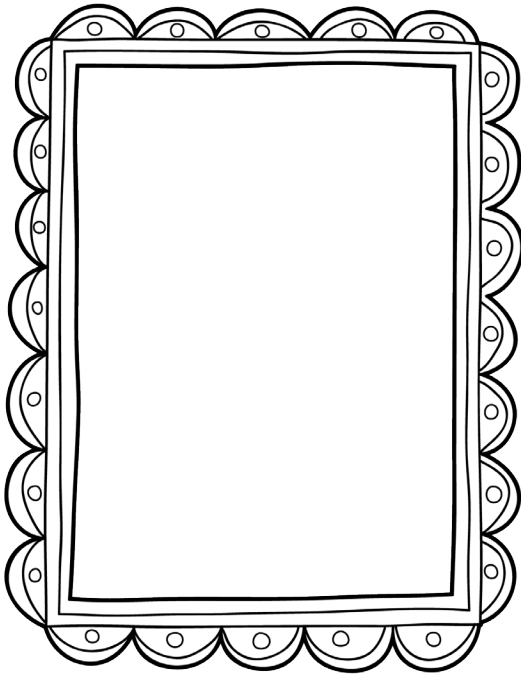
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Draw somewhere you
like to pray.



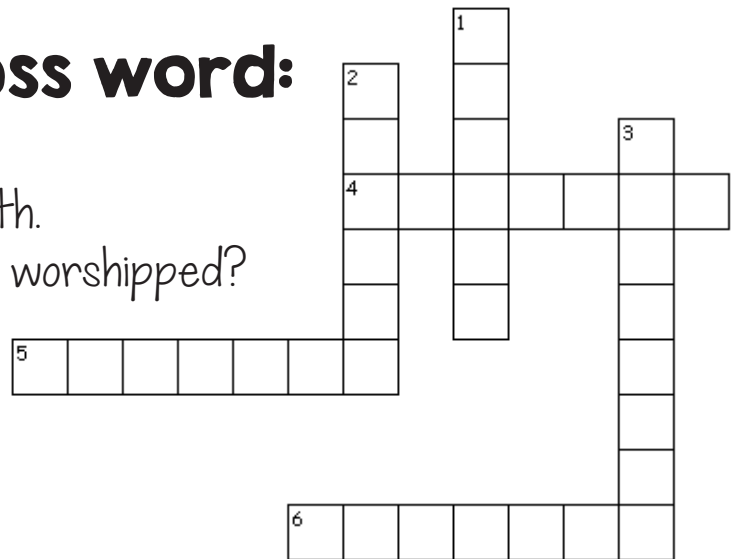
Across

4. Another word for transform
5. They will worship in ... and in truth.
6. Name of the building where they worshipped?

Down

1. Who was Jesus talking to?
2. Who built the well?
3. Who did Jesus say He was?

Cross word:



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j u s t i c e t a s y a

worship
salvation
Jews
Father
spirit
truth
seeks
God
Messiah

Christ
Jesus
proclaim
power
transform
justice
mercy
walk
humbly

Code:

Unscramble the words. Copy the letters in numbered boxes to reveal the answer in the boxes below.

Where can you pray to God?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

SUEST

5

NAOWM

1 2

TLMEPE

7

TIIPRS

6

RUTTH

4

WOSPRIH

3

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Lesson 4

As we share our encounters with Christ to others, they will seek him out and he will transform them too.

Required Resources

- Bible
- craft template copied on to card.
- textas, crayons, pencils and things to decorate story telling dice.
- things for this weeks people group focus
- Culture game.

The Power of Testimony

Tune in:

Have a leader tell their testimony. It should be simple and it doesn't have to be the first time they accepted Jesus, but more a time God taught them something, or a way they or their thinking was transformed by God. "I used to feel, think or act like this, but then a such and such encounter with Jesus, changed that". And how it changed you. It could be 3-5 minutes.

Bible story: John 4: 27-42

Recall what we have done the past three weeks. Fill in any gaps for children who may have been away. Jesus is talking with a Samaritan Woman, He offers her living water that will never thirst again.

Read John 4:27-30

The time she spends with Jesus has a big impact on her! And this causes her to leave her water jar and go back into the city to tell them about Jesus. (Optional: read verses 31-38)

Read John 4: 39-42.

Jesus stayed with them for 2 days, they believed, and they knew Jesus was the saviour of the world...

Read 41-42 again..

"And because of his words many more became believers.

They said the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard it for ourselves, and we know this man really is the Saviour of the world."

Story reflection:

People say that because it was noon when this lady was gathering water, that meant she was an outcast in society. That no one liked her. But here we have her running back into the city to tell everyone about her encounter with Jesus. And then many, many people come to know and believe in Jesus. Her testimony, her telling people in her town about her encounter with Jesus, enabled many people to come to

know Jesus. Have you ever told someone about Jesus?
What difference has Jesus made in your life?
In what ways does knowing Jesus help you? Does He help you when you are uncertain, afraid or confused? Has He comforted you or given you peace? Other people don't know that Jesus loves them and can help them, just like he helps you. This is what we call a testimony, our own story about Jesus. God says your testimony is important and very powerful. Our cross-cultural workers share their testimony of what God has shown them as often as they can!

Story response:

Make and colour a story-telling dice about the woman in the well story. As you colour have a think and chat about your own story about Jesus and how you can tell that story to others. Maybe you could help children look at their own personal testimonies in a future session.

Memory verse:

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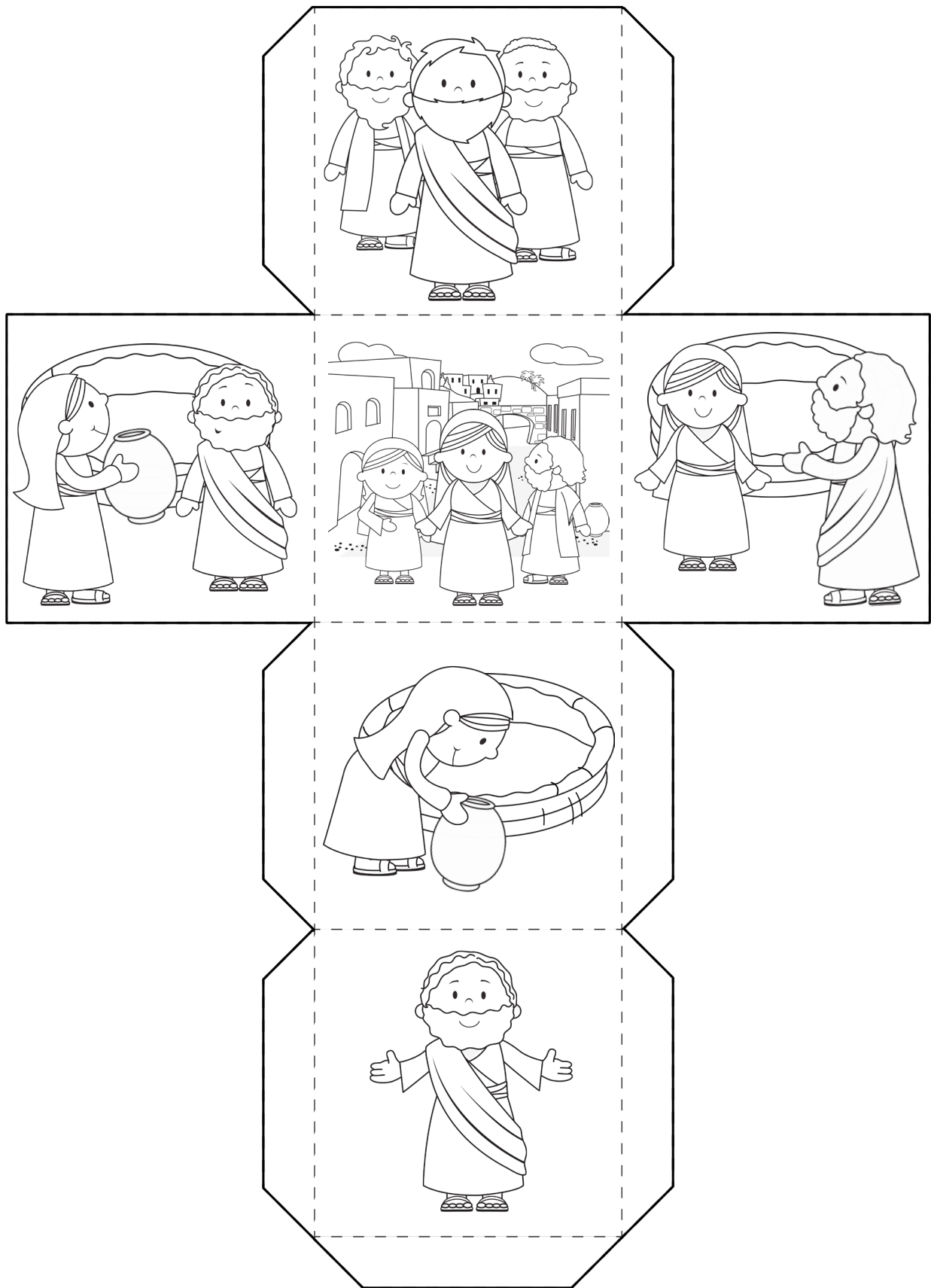
Our God has crossed from heaven to earth, crossing boundaries of race, gender, culture, sin and conflict to bring his life transforming gift of Jesus.

Jesus issued His disciples with an invitation to a new way of seeing the world.

He wants to encounter and transform us, but he also wants to open our eyes and look at the fields! And join His mission.

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Craft Template



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The Power of Testimony

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How has Jesus changed your behaviour, thoughts or actions? How has Jesus impacted your life?

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Word search:

s a c m b b c d e e s
p w o e e e f g h i a
i a m s j l k p l m v
r t e s t i m o n y i
i e n i f e l w j o o
t r p a e v o e q a u
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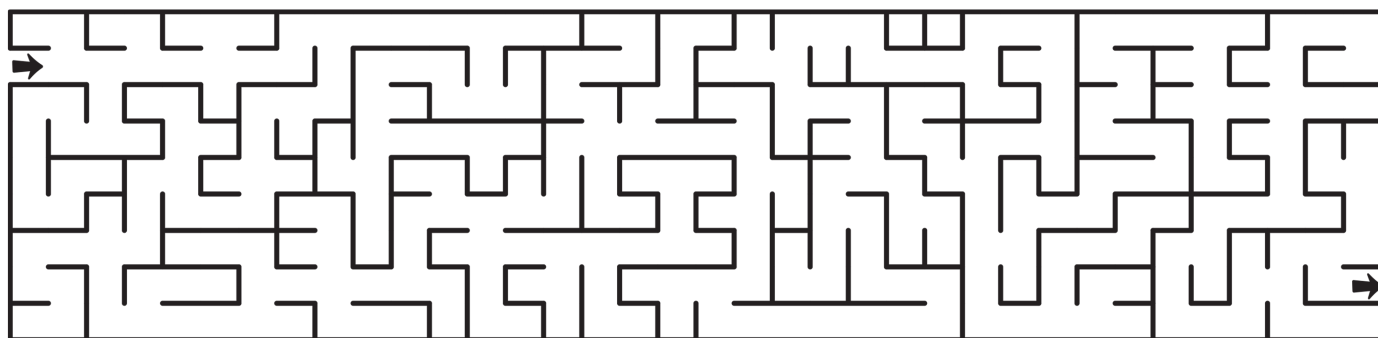
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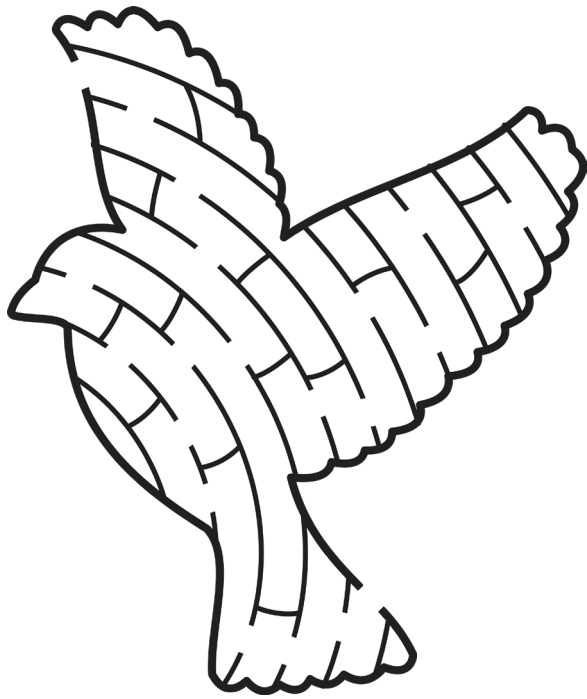
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Who do you think would like to know about Jesus? Write their name here and pray for boldness to talk to them.

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Matching puzzle:

Can you match the sentence with the missing word.

Meeting Jesus
had a ____ impact
on her life.

The woman told
____ in her town.

Jesus stayed
with the people
in the town for
____ days.

After meeting
Jesus they ____
He was the Saviour
of the world.

2 little

believed

no-one

20

did not
believe

big

everyone



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