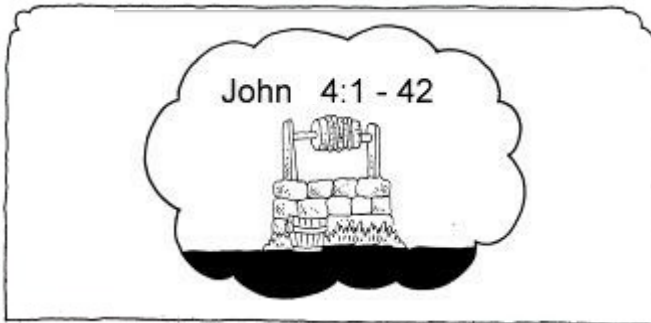


THE woman at the well

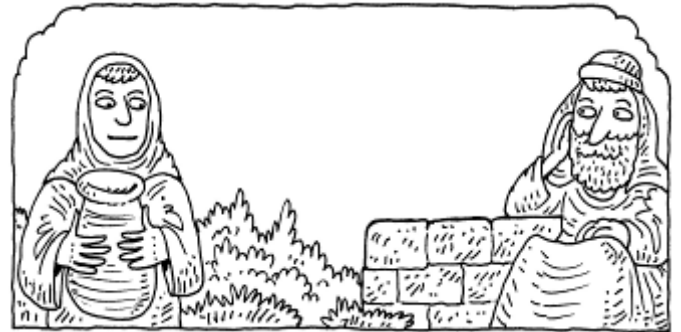
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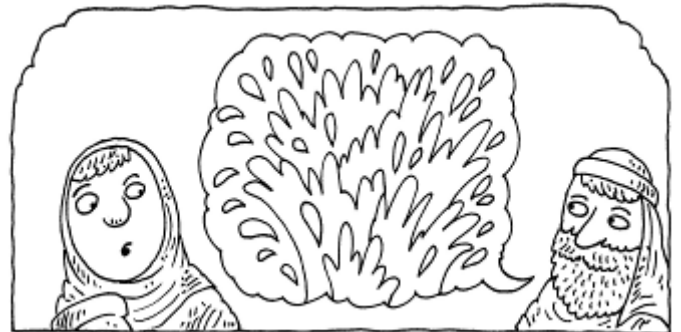
Jesus was tired. He sat down by a well to rest, while his helpers went into town to buy food. They had walked a long way and were hungry.



A woman from the town of Samaria came to get water from the well. She was surprised when Jesus asked her for a drink. People were not friendly to anyone from Samaria.



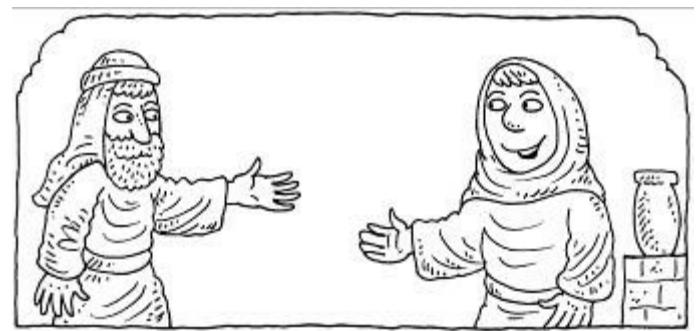
Jesus said to her, "If you knew who I am, you would ask me for water that makes you new inside." "But you don't have a bucket or rope and the well is deep," she replied.



Jesus knew everything she had ever done. "With well water you will soon get thirsty again," Jesus said. "I am talking about God's Spirit who makes you new and clean inside."



"Please give me this water," she said. Jesus told her that God wants everyone, wherever they live, to know him and to love him with all their hearts.



"I know you are a man of God," she said. "But God has promised to send a Saviour one day." Jesus said, "I am the Promised One." The woman believed Jesus!



She left her jar by the well and ran home. "Come and see the man who knows everything! He is God's Promised Son," she said. People from Samaria believed too!



When his helpers came back, Jesus told them that he wasn't hungry anymore. Had someone given Jesus food? But Jesus said, "Telling people about God makes me feel good inside."