



Opening Prayer: Jesus, you are always showing us how to love everyone. As we continue on our Lenten journey, help our family to share this good news. We want to be like you – loving, kind, helpful, and forgiving. Amen.

Theme: *Sharing the Good News*

Gospel Listening: John 4:5-42 One family member reads the Gospel while everyone else listens quietly.

Making Connections

Reader: Jesus was walking on a dusty road in Samaria. He was tired, hot, and thirsty. He came upon a well where he saw a woman with a bucket, so he asked her for a drink of water. This was an unusual thing for Jesus to do because Jesus was a Jew, and Jews and Samaritans were enemies.

Jesus surprised the woman in many ways: first, just talking with her, second, offering to give her living water, and third, knowing all about her life. “Who is this man,” she thought, “who knows my past?” She began to believe in him and did not keep this good news to herself. She ran to tell the villagers that she had found a person who knew her life story and loved and accepted her anyway. Could this be the Messiah?

Many of the Samaritans came to see for themselves who this person was, and they, too, began to believe in Jesus.

Family Sharing Time

Use the questions below to guide your family discussion.

Preschool children: Name one good thing that has happened to you today. Has anyone told you something good today? What? How did that good news make you feel? Do you know a good story about Jesus? Share it.

Primary-grade children: Name things that you have heard that you consider to be good news. Why is that so? What good news did Jesus bring to the woman? What good news does Jesus bring to you?

Preteens: What kind of news do you share with others? Why? The woman in the story told others the good news of what Jesus had done for her. What has God done for you? With whom have you shared this? Why?

Activity

Materials needed: paper, glue, scissors, pencils, markers, glitter, and religious stickers

Leader: During Lent we are preparing to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, our good news. Let's make cards to send to our family or friends at Easter.

Either individually or as a family, make Easter cards that tell the good news of Easter: Jesus is risen. Alleluia!

Suggestion of the Week: As a family, read a Bible story or rent a video/DVD that tells about Jesus and the good news he came into the world to bring.

Praying Together

Gather around a prayer table with a Bible, crucifix, candle, and the Easter cards.

Leader: The Samaritan woman experienced God's love and rushed to tell the good news of what God had done for her. She let her light of faith shine for all to see.

All: Amen.

Conclude by singing “This Little Light of Mine.” Then give each other a sign of God's peace and love.