

The Lonely Woman who Found a New Life! (Easy)

1. One day Jesus was traveling with His disciples through Samaria. The Jews and Samaritans did not get along. Jews hated them, would not talk to them, and at times acted as if they could not even see them. But Jesus, even though He was a Jew, did not have that attitude towards them.



2. They came to a town and Jesus' disciples went to the market to buy some lunch. Jesus was tired from the trip. As He sat at the well outside the town, He saw a woman coming towards Him. It was noon, the hottest time of the day, and she was coming to get water from the well. All the other women of the town had come to get their water early in the morning.

3. "She feels rejected by the other women," Jesus thought. Jesus could tell that she had lived a sad life and was very lonely. He knew that she had had five husbands and the man she was living with now, was not her husband.

4. When she got to the well, Jesus asked her for a drink of water. She was very surprised that He, a Jewish man, would talk to her, a Samaritan woman! Then Jesus said, "If you knew what God wants to give you, you would ask *me* for a drink and I would give you life-giving water."

5. She looked at Him and asked how He could get water out of the deep well without a bucket. "Where will you get this life-giving water?" she asked.

"Everyone who drinks this water, will get thirsty again and have to come here to get water often. Then He explained that the living water He had, would change a person's heart.

"Give me that water," she said.



6. Then Jesus asked her to go bring her husband to the well. She told Him that she did not have a husband, and Jesus said, "You have told me the truth." Then Jesus told her what He knew about her life – about all of her husbands. Yet, to her surprise, she felt so accepted by Him! He did not rejected her, like her neighbors had.



7. As Jesus talked to her, the woman knew that her heart had changed and she had a new peace. She left her water pot and ran back to the town. "Come and meet a man who told me everything I have done in the past and yet has changed my life. I believe He is the One God promised to send to help the people of the world."

8. When they saw the change in her life and her excitement, many men and women of the town went out to see Jesus. He stayed and taught them for a few days and many of them also received the living water He had given her.



QUESTIONS: The Lonely Woman who Found a New Life! (Easy)

A. How did the Jews treat the Samaritans?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Did Jesus have the same attitude as other Jews? _____

B. Who was traveling with Jesus? _____

What did they do when they came to the Samaritan town? _____

C. Where was Jesus sitting? _____

D. Why did He not go with his men? _____

E. Who came to the well while Jesus was sitting there? _____

What time of day was it? _____

F. How did Jesus describe the woman's life? (Find three adjectives)

1. Others _____ her.
2. Her life was very _____.
3. She was _____.

G. What did Jesus ask her to give Him? _____

H. How did she feel when He asked her for that? _____

Why did she feel that way? _____

I. What did He promise He could give her? _____

What did He say it would do? _____

J. Tell what happened in the rest of the story. Tell about:

1. The change in her heart: _____

2. What she did next: _____

The people in her town: _____

Something to Think About and English Conversation Practice:

1. From this story, how is Jesus different from other people the woman had met?
2. What changes took place in the woman's life after she met Jesus?
3. Jesus talked about "living water." What do you think He was talking about?

The Lonely Woman who Found a New Life - Guidelines for Teachers (Easy)

Lesson Aims: To teach about Jesus and His respect shown to a needy woman
To prayerfully present truth about life-giving water in a way that makes the student hungry to know more about it! Let them discover the meaning of life-giving water or ask you the meaning! (This means, don't preach – but present Christ!)

Lesson Outline:

1. Read through the story together, going over the underlined vocabulary words:
(40 minutes)
2. Answer the comprehension questions: (40 minutes)
3. Something to Think About and English Conversation Practice:
(20- 30 minutes – depending on the ability and willingness of your group)
 - a. From this story, how is Jesus different from other people the woman had met?
 - b. How did the woman's life change after she met and talked with Jesus?
 - c. Jesus talked about "living water." What do you think He was talking about?

NOTE TO TEACHERS:

Remember, Jesus was the Master Teacher. He talked to the Samaritan woman with respect and acceptance but he also talked about the topic that interested her at the moment – Water!

Life-giving water: Of course this is salvation but it might be better to present it as the truth that Jesus shared with the woman and the new life that she received from Him. The Holy Spirit will guide your discussion. Ask Him and trust Him to do so!

4. Go over the Punctuation and Pronunciation part together (Optional as time permits)

The purpose of this section is to show your interest in your students improving their English in these two areas. Remember, you are not just wanting to teach them the Bible, but you are also wanting to help them speak better English. They will observe this attitude in you and appreciate it. Perhaps seeing this attitude will give them an even greater interest in the Lord.

But at the same time, keep your goal of presenting Christ in mind. Don't over-emphasize English if you sense your students are hungry to know about Jesus!

PUNCTUATION:

Refer to the lesson and observe the following in the paragraphs as numbered below:

#1 Commas for a series of words or phrases:

Commas are used to help us understand the meaning and to know where to pause when we are reading

#2 Commas setting a phrase apart: "noon, the hottest ...day,"

Explain the use of quotation marks when referring to words in a text

#3 Quotation marks for a person's thoughts: ("Jesus thought")

#4 Exclamation mark: showing excitement, adding feeling

#4 Quotation marks for a person's spoken words: direct quotations

#6 Indirect quotation of someone's words: (No quotation marks used)

Find the phrase (He explained that)

Explain the use of the three or four dots ... to show words that have been left out of someone's conversation or a quote of someone's writing.

Use of an apostrophe: #2 (Jesus')

#6 (person's)

Use of italics #4 (me)

PRONUNCIATION Practice:

#1 "through"

#3 "thought"