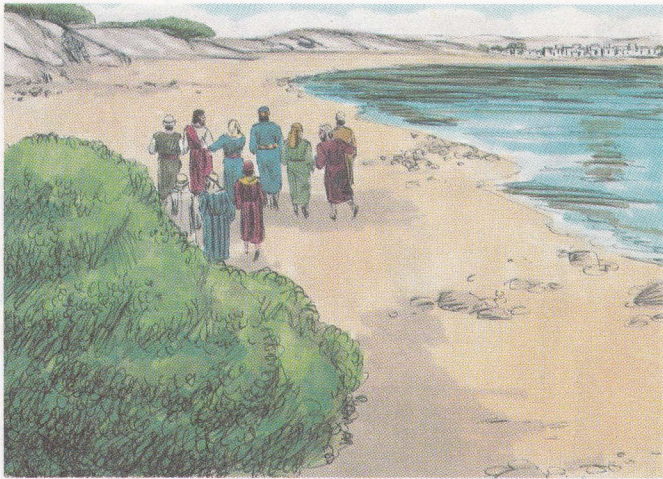
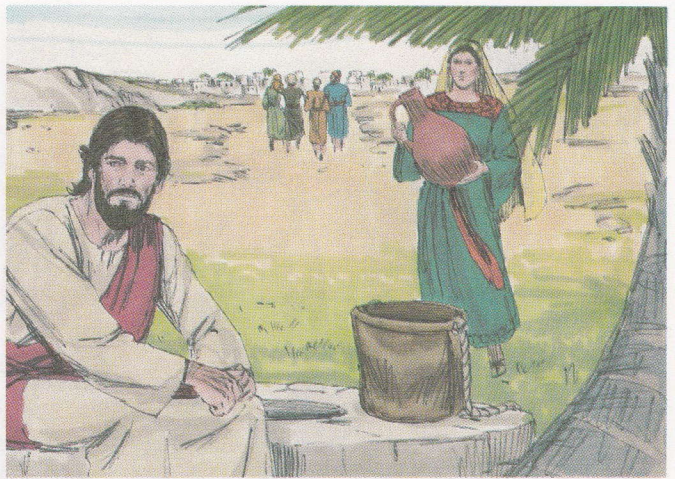


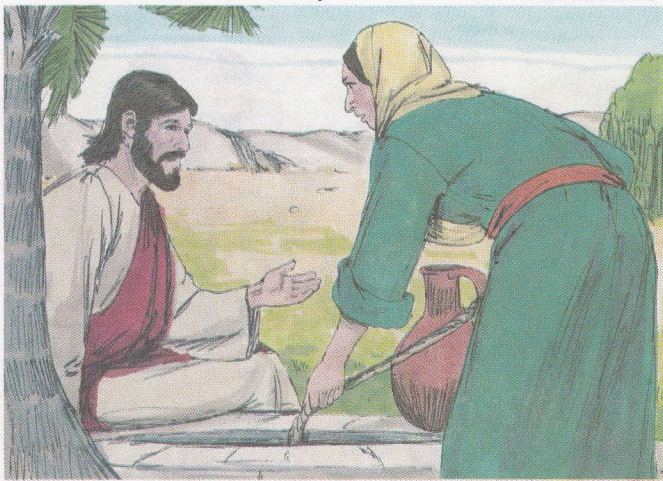
A Woman of Samaria



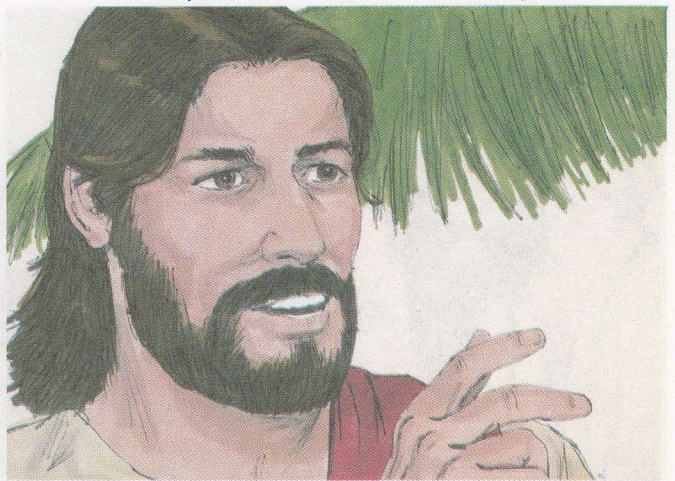
1 After the wedding at Cana, Jesus spent a few days at Capernaum and then went to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. At the end of the feast, Jesus and his disciples started back to Galilee.



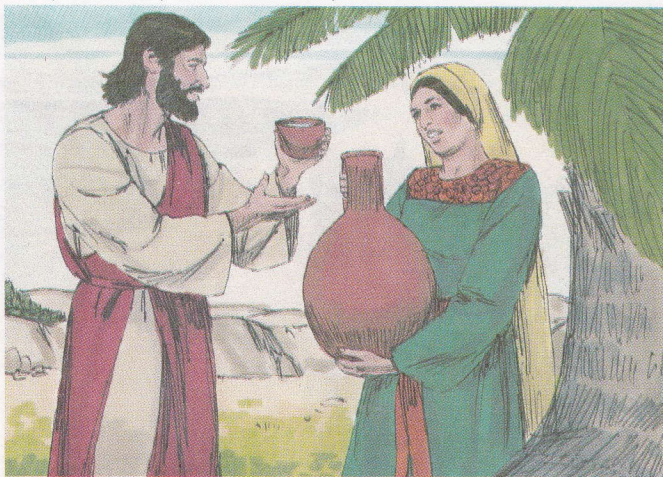
2 They came to a town in Samaria called Sychar. Nearby was a well known as "Jacob's well." At noon Jesus was tired, so he sat down by the well while the disciples went into town to buy food.



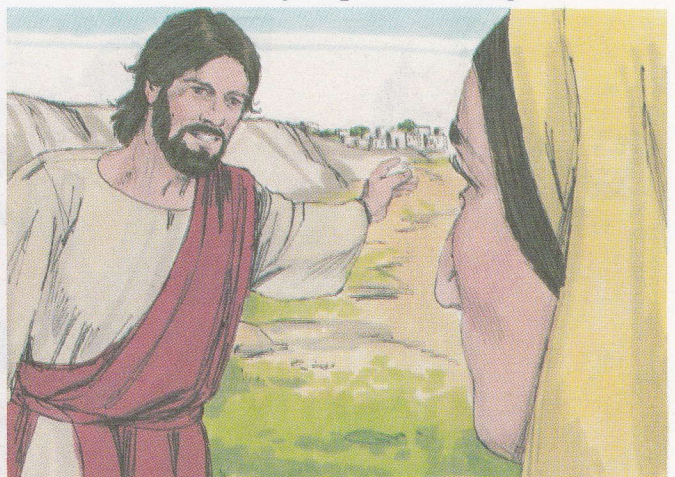
3 While they were gone, a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said, "Let me have a drink of water." She was surprised. "Why do you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?" she asked.



4 Jesus said, "If you knew who I am, you would have asked me for 'living water.'" "This is a deep well and you have nothing to draw water with," she said. "Where will you get this 'living water'?"



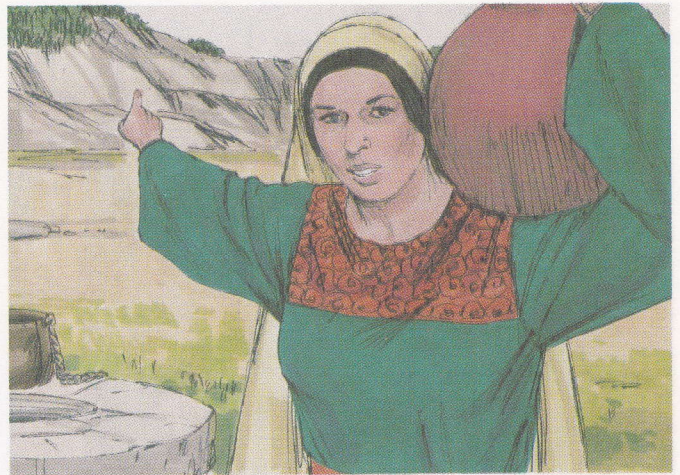
5 Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. But no one who drinks the water I give him will ever be thirsty again."



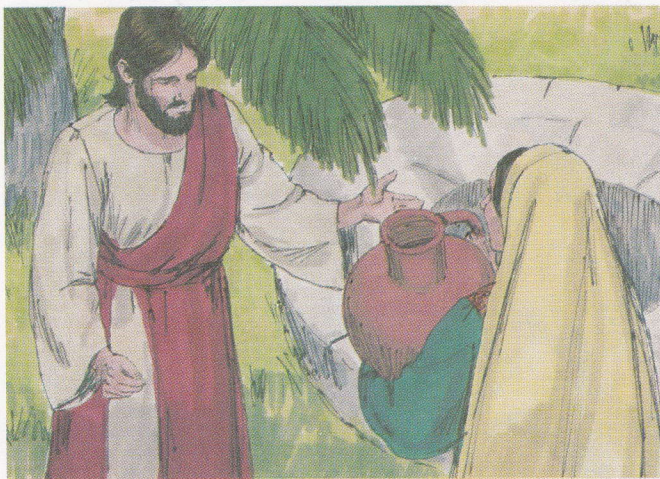
6 She said, "Give me that water so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming back to this well." Jesus said, "Go get your husband and bring him here."



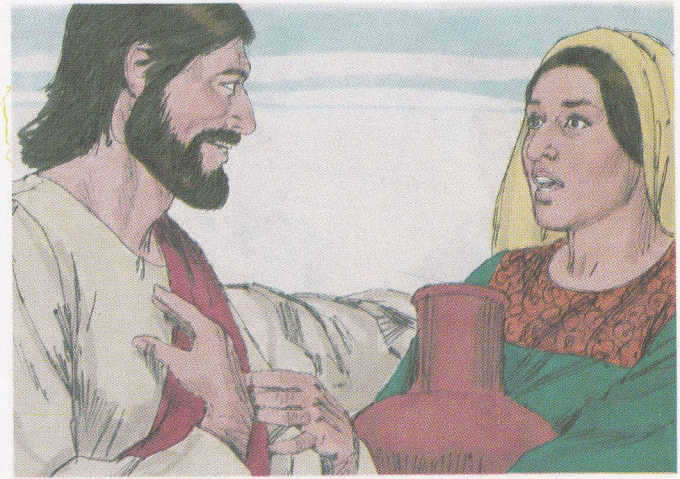
7 "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said, "You have told the truth. The fact is that you have had five husbands, and the man you are now living with is *not* your husband."



8 "I can see that you are a prophet," she said, changing the subject. "Our ancestors have always worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say that we must worship in Jerusalem."



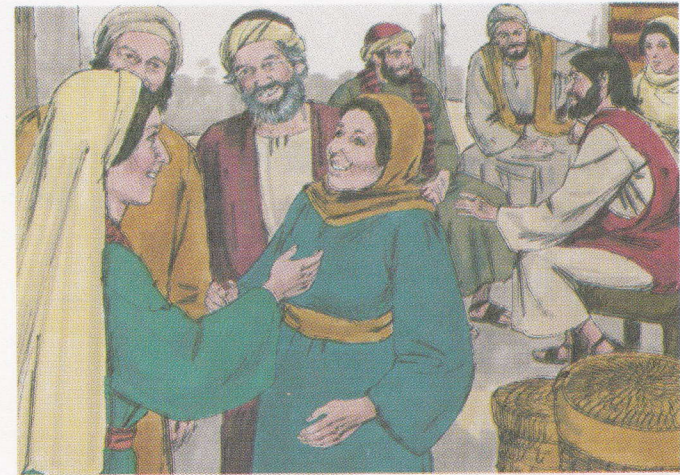
9 Jesus said, "The time is coming when people will not have to worship in Jerusalem or on this mountain. True worshipers will worship God in spirit and in truth, for that is what God wants."



10 She said, "I know that the Messiah is coming. And when he comes, he will explain everything to us." "I am he," Jesus said.



11 Then the woman went back to town, forgetting her water jar. She said to everyone, "Come see a man who told me everything I ever did. Can this be the Messiah?" They came out to see Jesus.



12 Many Samaritans believed in Jesus because of the woman. But after he was with them for two days, some of them said to her, "Now we've heard for ourselves. We know this man really is the Savior!"