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This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, **we want YOU to be the one to introduce** this part of The Big God Story to them.

For additional support in spiritual parenting and to learn more about creating transforming environments in your home, be sure to pick up **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** from your church, or download it at HomeFrontMag.com. You can also access the HomeFront app on your iPhone, iPad, or Android device.



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God Knows Everything

Part of The Big God Story

John 4:1-42
Woman at the Well

Just for Fun

Get a pitcher of water and a glass for each family member. Pour each person a glass of water. Then **read John 4:1-42**. Ask your children what they would think if a stranger revealed details of their lives, details that they thought no one knew. Then talk about what Jesus meant when He referred to "living water." Discuss together how the woman may have felt when she realized she was talking to the Messiah, the Promised Redeemer. How would you have felt in that situation?

Did You Know?

- Jesus' conversation with the Samaritan woman wasn't an ordinary one; in fact, people would have considered it scandalous, because Jews and Samaritans were enemies.
- The northern kingdom of Israel was conquered by Assyria in 722 B.C. God's people were scattered across the Assyrian Empire and eventually intermixed and intermarried with other nations.
- When the southern kingdom of Judah was conquered in 586 B.C., God's people were retrained to think, eat, and worship like Babylonians.
- After being allowed to return to their land following the Babylonian captivity, the Jews became fanatical about keeping their racial lines pure. They hated the "half-breed" Samaritans.

Remember Verse

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.
Psalm 139:23-24

Blessing

For more information about blessing your child see the **Blessing** section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource**.

A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child's name), may you rest in the peace of being known by your Heavenly Father. May you tell others the good news of Jesus.

Younger Kids

Children this age are starting to develop attachments to friends, and it can be hard to stop playing because it's so much fun! Try giving a five- or 10-minute warning before ending your child's playtime with friends.

Older Kids

Your child is likely starting to develop strong friendships that aren't just based on having fun together and similar interests. These friendships are based more on personality traits and mutual trust. Help foster healthy friendships for your child by modeling how to be a good friend. Children watch and learn from the way you interact with your adult friends.

Teachable Moments

After reading John 4:1-42, discuss the following together:

- What is the water Jesus offered to the Samaritan woman?
- Who does Jesus say He is?
- How does it make you feel to know that nothing can separate you from God's love?