

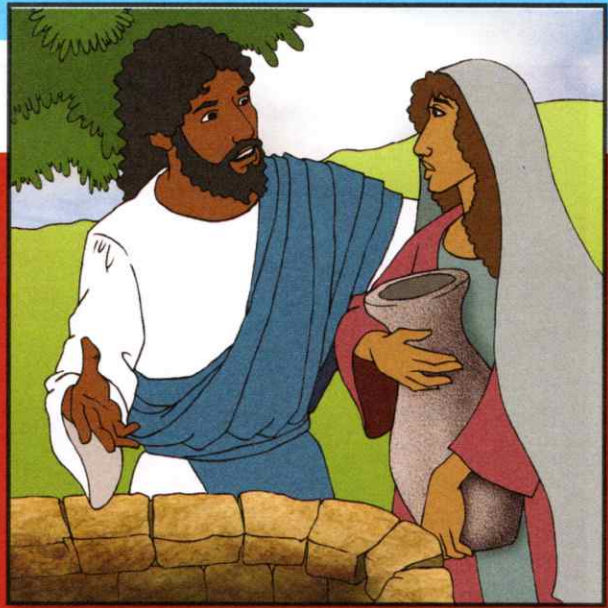
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BIBLE LESSON

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KEY VERSE: [Jesus said,] “A time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23)



# Different, but the Same

Lesson Scripture: [John 4:7-26](#)

## God's Word

**7** When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” **8** (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) **10** Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” **11** “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?” **12** Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” **13** Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, **14** but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” **15** The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” **16** He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” **17** “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. **18** The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” **19** “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. **20** Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” **21** “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23** Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **24** God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” **25** The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” **26** Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

# Bible Story

## Different, but the Same

John 4:7-26

When the Samaritan woman went to draw water from the well, she met Jesus. Jesus asked the woman to draw Him water. The woman asked Jesus, who was a Jew, why He asked her, a Samaritan, to draw Him water. During biblical times, Jews did not talk to Samaritans, because the Jews believed the Samaritans were not pure. The Samaritans were a mixed race of people; they were born from the Jews of the Northern Kingdom and the foreigners who came to the land.

Jesus told the Samaritan woman that if she knew who He was, she would have asked Him for living water and she would never thirst again. Living water is the eternal life that Jesus gives. The woman asked Jesus for water that would not make her thirsty again. Jesus told her to go and get her husband. She told Jesus that she did not have a husband; and Jesus told her that she spoke the truth. Jesus knew about the woman's life. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that a time would come when she would worship God in spirit and truth, not at a location. The woman told Jesus that she knew the Messiah was coming and that He would explain everything to them. Jesus revealed Himself to the woman when He said, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." Jesus let the woman know that He was the Messiah.

## He Looks Different (Part 1)

Thursday, a new student started at Winthrop Elementary School. His name was Navid. His parents recently moved to be closer to his grandparents.

When Mrs. Ericson introduced Navid, she said, "Navid is new to our fifth-grade class. I know each of you will be kind to him and introduce yourself." During recess, Navid walked around the playground. No one spoke to him.

When Myles was talking to his friends Thomas and Steven, he asked, "Has anyone introduced themselves to Navid?"

Thomas said, "I don't want to meet him. He isn't from here, and he definitely looks different."

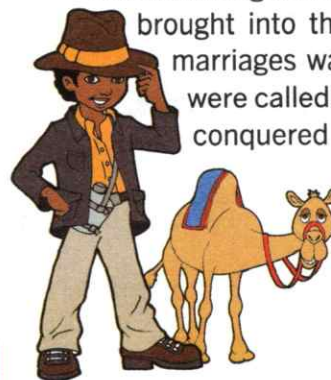
Myles asked, "What do you think, Steven?"

Steven said, "He definitely looks different, but I think that's okay."

Thomas asked, "Why? Are you going to talk to him?"

## Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello, everyone! Nicholas and Cornelius here! When Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom in 722 BC, half of the people were sent to another country, and they brought in Gentiles. The Jews that stayed in the



Northern Kingdom married the Gentiles that were brought into the country. The result of the marriages was a mixed race of Jews who were called Samaritans. The Babylonians conquered the Southern Kingdom, and they remained pure Jews. The pure Jews did not want anything to do with the Samaritans.