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Related Bible reading(s): John 4.5-42

When have you been grateful – and more – for water?
What does Jesus' 'life-giving water' mean to you?
How does it make a real difference to your life?

[Water of life](#), Coast hills worship on *Revival*

[Wind and waters](#), Native kingdom on *Wind and waters*

[In the hands of the potter](#), Casting crowns on *Only Jesus*

Water testers mins WEA

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Blindfold all the young people and tell them they are going to complete a challenge to see if they can taste which is bottled water. Give everyone cup A (containing tap water), then give everyone cup B (bottled water). Ask them to write down which one they think was which. Afterwards, discuss that both

types of water are life-giving and are all that we need. Talk about the use of plastic and how we buy bottled water because it's convenient, or we think that it's better for us. Remind the young people of the problem of plastic in the ocean and how using a reusable water bottle can be 'life-giving' for our planet.

Play the film https://news.nike.com/featured_video/dream-crazier featuring Serena Williams.
Discuss: what do you think about the clip?

Is there anything that stops you doing what you want to do?

What does your heart know and want?

What might you do about this?

FUN WORSHIP SONG WITH ACTIONS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PYhZNOZaZ4>

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Drama: Interview

Beforehand, arrange a 'set' as if in a newsroom, or you might like to go 'on location'.

If you can, record the theme music to a TV news programme, or BBC TV's 'Newsround' if your group watch it.

You might like to dress the TV people in 'lurvee' style clothing.

Cast: Videographer, Director (D), Interviewer (I), Woman at the well (Ms Robinson) (W).

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Decide with your cast how you are going to set the interview – whether studio or on location.

Set up the scene so the camera is ready to roll, with the director beside the camera.

The interviewer and woman should remain static during the interview.

This drama will need rehearsing before you share it with an audience.

Dready? Quiet in the studio/Quiet please (if on location)...

And camera 5, 4, (uses fingers for) 3, 2, 1, cue!

I(into camera) I'm here with Ms Robinson, who has been the centre of huge activity in the sleepy little town of Sychar. Ms Robinson, could you tell us how the events began?

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water. There was a man there – a Jew – who spoke to me...

IExcuse my interrupting, but I'd like to clarify this point. A male Jew, sitting by the well, spoke to you, a Samaritan woman? I find that hard to believe.

WAnd so did I, but he did. He asked me for some water to drink. I asked him – what you doing, asking me for a drink? Don't you realise I'm a Samaritan?

IAnd what did he reply?

WVery strange, but it got worse... he said that I should be asking him for a ! Well, I said, but you haven't got a bucket! I mean, how could he give me a drink when he didn't even have a bucket? But he said something else a bit weird...

IAnd what was that?

WHe said that he had living water – water that was eternal. What on earth is that I thought. But seemed like a good idea, so I asked him if I could have some.

IAnd what happened then?

WWell, that's when it got a bit 'up close and personal'. He asked to meet my .

IAnd did you bring your husband?

WNo, I'm a Ms, rather than a Mrs. I could bring my partner... but I didn't think he'd be too keen on a partner... And then he said that he knew I'd had several partners...

IAnd how did you respond?

WWell, it was at this point that I realised that he was someone special and he was sitting in our special place. And when we'd talked a bit more, he claimed to be the Messiah!

IThe Messiah! What next?

WWell, his followers turned up at that point – quite a scruffy bunch too. They amazed that we were talking. I'd sort of got used to it by then.

I left my water jar, and went and told the others that I'd found the Messiah, and whole town turned out to hear him!

IAnd how was he about that?

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