

# Frenemies

## Bible Treasure: John 4:1-26

It was a hot day. Jesus walked in the desert for a long time. He decided to stop at a well to rest His dusty feet. Jesus was very thirsty. As soon as Jesus sat at the well, He saw someone coming toward Him. A Samaritan woman stopped by the well to get water. In those days there was no store to buy water; people would have to go to a well for it. The wells back in those days were deep and needed some type of bucket with a rope to get down to get water. Imagine having to carry around a bucket just to get water from a well. That was how life was for many people back in those days.

“Please, can I get a drink of water?” asked Jesus. The Samaritan woman was surprised.

“Why are you asking me for water?” she said. In those days Jews and Samaritans did not talk to or befriend each other, so it was a surprising encounter for the Samaritan woman. It did not matter to Jesus who the woman was or where she was from. Jesus loves everyone and was not afraid to ask for water.

“If you knew who I was, you would have asked Me for living water,” said Jesus.

“What do you mean, living water? You can’t even get water from the well!” the Samaritan woman responded. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that anyone who drinks from the well will thirst again, but those who drink living water from Him will never thirst again. The living water

that Jesus was talking about was the message of salvation and everlasting life with God.

“Wow, tell me more about this living water!” said the Samaritan woman. She asked more questions. Then Jesus explained to her that He was the Messiah! “You have made my day; I finally get to meet You in person!” said the Samaritan woman. The Samaritan woman got so excited that she ran off to tell everyone that Jesus was there and to go see Him. A crowd came right behind the Samaritan woman as she came closer to Jesus. What a sight it was. The rest of the Samaritans believed the woman because of what she had told them, and she was encouraged by Jesus’ love and the way He treated

her even when she made bad decisions. When you share the story of Jesus, more people will come to know who He is.

### IT’S YOUR TURN

- Have you ever been friends with someone no one liked?
- What does the story of the Samaritan woman teach us? How would Jesus want us to treat others?
- Is it easy to share Jesus with a friend?
- Think of something nice that you can do for a new child in your school or church. Maybe give them a new Bible, a card, or a care package.

