



Today marks the Third Sunday of Lent. Our Gospel is from the Gospel according to John. When Jesus walked the earth, people did not speak to or associate with others who were not like them in faith or community. In this Gospel, Jesus takes a Samaritan woman by surprise at a well when he speaks to her and asks her for a drink of water. Because Jesus is a Jew, and she is not, she is confused that he would address her. When Jesus reveals to her that he knows of her past - and present situation - she is amazed realizing that he is either a prophet or the Christ. We learn by Jesus' example in this Gospel not to judge, but rather to invite others to share in the love of our Heavenly Father. During his ministry, Jesus radically challenged all of the old ideas of who can be "saved." He continually invites all those he encounters to believe and become his disciples.

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- ★ When Jesus walked the earth, people would have to go to a well to draw water to drink or to cook with. In some parts of the world today, children still need to walk to a place to draw water to drink. Think about a way you can conserve water this week. Imagine what it would be like to have to walk to draw water from a well. Offer up a prayer for all those in the world who are hungry and thirsty.
- ★ Saint Patrick's day is this week on March 17th. Saint Patrick lived a remarkable life. Raised as a devout Catholic, Patrick was kidnapped as a child and sold as a slave in Ireland. He escaped as a young man only to return after becoming a priest! Most people were pagans in Ireland at the time, and he returned at great risk to himself. Like Jesus in this Gospel, Saint Patrick made it his life's mission to invite others to believe. He famously used the Shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity. Color in the next page and hang this someplace to remember to pray to St. Patrick and the Holy Trinity on his feast day! Consider ordering *Lisa Hendey's Chime Travelers: the Secret of the Shamrock*, for a great book for kids about this great saint!

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