



# **Jesus and the Woman at the Well**

**John 4:7-11, 13-14, 25-26, 28-30, 41-42**

**Sir Praisealot strode into the Garden of the King and stood at the top of a high hill over looking the surrounding countryside of forests and streams and mountain roads. He had given Squire Gus a day off from his combat studies so that they could both spend time studying the Word of God. Just a few moments earlier Rufus the dragon had given him some of the best news he had heard in quite some time. Sir Praisealot's favorite cousin, Prince Lovesalot was dropping by for a visit. Prince Lovesalot always brought such joy and love and music...**

**"Music," Sir Praisealot cried, "it's him! He always plays his lute when he is traveling!"**

**Prince Lovesalot came galloping over the hill on the back of a white unicorn. "Hello, dear cousin!" shouted Prince Lovesalot. "Much love to you?"**

**"Prince Loves-a-lot! I am so glad you're here!"**

**"And I am glad to be here!" Prince Lovesalot replied. "Isn't this a lovely day? The world is so full of love and beauty. I love the hills and the trees and the beautiful mountain streams."**

**"I know you do," Sir Praisealot responded.**

**"What are you doing out here in this beautiful garden, cousin?" asked the Prince.**

**"I was about to do my Bible study when I heard you approaching."**

**"How wonderful," said Prince Lovesalot, "I love the Bible!"**

**"I know you do," Sir Praisealot responded, "Would you like to read today's Bible story?"**

**"Me? You want me to read the Bible story?"**

**"Of course," Sir Praisealot said, "God's Word is for everyone. This is the story of the woman at the well. Read on, dear cousin."**

**"It will be my honor," said Prince Lovesalot, as he opened the leather-bound Bible. "This story is about a Samaritan woman who went to a well to get water. She met Jesus at the well."**

**"What did Jesus say to her?" Sir Praisealot interrupted.**

**"He asked her for a drink."**

**"Well, did she give it to Him?" Sir Praisealot asked.**

**The prince looked at the passage again. "No, she didn't! She said, 'You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?' I don't understand, Sir Praisealot. Why did she ask him that?"**

**"You see, cousin, she was asking this question because in Bible Times, Jews did not speak with Samaritans."**

**Prince Lovesalot looked up and frowned. "That's just silly. Didn't everyone just love each other?"**

**"Sadly no. The Samaritans did not serve the one true God."**

**The prince was puzzled. "So, Jesus could not speak to her?"**

**"He was not supposed to speak to her. But Jesus spoke to her all the same! He offered her 'living water!'"**

**Prince Lovesalot looked very excited, "Where is this 'living water'? And how can I get some?"**

**"That's the same question she asked and do you know what Jesus said?" Prince Lovesalot shook his head. Sir Praisealot explained, "Well, it's in God's Word! Read the rest of the story!"**

**Prince Lovesalot turned back to the Bible and read out loud. "Jesus answered, 'Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.' Sir Praisealot," he asked, "Jesus wasn't talking about regular water, was He? When Jesus said 'living water,' he meant life that lasts forever with Him!"**

**"Yes!" Sir Praisealot shouted with joy, "Because when we follow Jesus He gives us eternal life and His Spirit flows through us forever like water forever flowing up from a spring!"**

**"That talk with Jesus changed that woman's life forever!" Prince Lovesalot continued, "The Bible says, she put down her water jar and went back to town to tell everyone to come meet Jesus!"**

**"And many Samaritans believed in Him and followed Him!" Sir Praisealot added.**

**"Oh, Sir Praisealot," the young prince said, "I love this story! The Jewish people did not even like to talk to Samaritans. But Jesus loved her and gave her people, the Samaritans, the same choice to believe and follow Him as he had given the Jewish people!"**

**"That's because, just like His Word is for everyone, Jesus also came for everyone!" Sir Praisealot explained. "And He wants us to tell everyone about Him, just as the woman at the well did.**

**"Oh, that is a wonderful idea," Prince Lovesalot smiled. "The more people we tell about Jesus, the more who will believe in Him and become a part of His kingdom. You know, I love to travel around God's kingdom and spread love to all of His servants. Jesus loves each one of them."**

**"Jesus does love them and if they follow Him, He will fill them with "living water!" Sir Praisealot proclaimed.**

**The Prince agreed, "I can feel that 'living water' flowing through me and that makes me want to serve the King even more!"**

**"Excellent! You know what I always say. Say it with me, Prince Lovesalot!"**

**They crossed swords and shouted together, "Serving the King is the noblest thing!"**

**"Come, Prince Lovesalot," the bold knight called. "Let us ride together and speak of the things of God!"**

**"I would truly love that." Prince Lovesalot replied and together they rode off towards the water.**