

The woman just stared at him. She did not know what he meant. "Sir," she said, "you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where can you get living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who built this well?"

Jesus said, "You will be thirsty again after drinking this water, but if you drink the water that I shall give, you will never be thirsty, and it will give you everlasting life."

Jesus knew all about this poor sinful woman. He knew that she needed the Holy Spirit to make her life pure and good, but the woman was more and more puzzled, so she said, "I know that a great one is coming, who is called Christ; when he comes he will tell us all things."

Jesus looked at her and said, "I am he." Just think how surprised the woman was! She was ready to listen to Jesus, and he was so glad of the chance to talk to her and tell her how to be good. Our Golden Text tells us that is why Jesus came,—“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”

Just then the disciples came back with food. The woman ran back toward the city and told what had happened to everybody she met. They all hurried out to the well to see for themselves. Jesus talked to them, and many believed him, and became his followers.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where do we see Jesus when our story begins?
2. Where did he sit down to rest?
3. Where did the disciples go?
4. What can you tell about this well?
5. Who came there to get water?
6. What did Jesus ask the woman of Samaria?
7. What did Jesus tell her he could give her?
8. What did Jesus wish to do for this poor sinful woman?
9. What did the woman say to Jesus then?
10. Who did she say would be able to tell them all things?
11. What did Jesus say to her then?
12. Where did the woman go?
13. Whom did she tell about Jesus?
14. What did the people of the city do?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give

The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live!"
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him. Amen.

—Hymn 138, Book of Praise

The Catechism

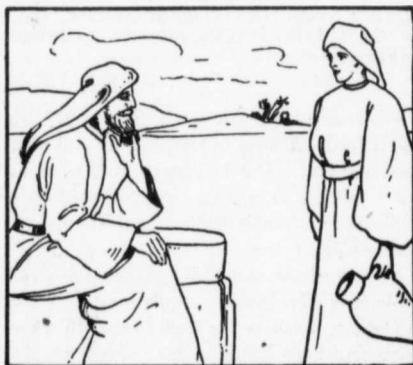
PRIMARY CATECHISM—12. Are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit different Gods? No. These three persons are one God.

The Question on Missions

6. Tell about the outdoor dispensary at the hospital. Every forenoon, in the main building of the hospital, a missionary doctor, with three Chinese assistants, attends to sick people who come from outside the hospital. Before the doctor begins his work, a half-hour service is held, and while the patients are waiting their turn, Christian workers tell them about Jesus and give them good books.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

How gladly we would give Jesus a drink of clear, cold water, if he were to come and ask it of us! But he does ask us to carry the



message of his love to the great crowds in heathen lands who have not yet heard it. Could any one find a more joyful task? Color the picture.

I Have Learned To-day That

JESUS HELPS PEOPLE TO BE GOOD