

The Lord Jesus Forgives a Wayward Samaritan Lady

About 5 minutes, from John 4.3 -42

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Peter

Voice (of Jesus)

Lady

Prompter Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Peter I am Peter, and my feet are aching. Jesus sets a fast pace!
We are traveling near Sychar in Samaria.
Hey, fellows, let's go buy some bread.

Prompter & Echoes We are all hungry!

Voice You men go. I will stay here at the well and rest.

Peter Come, guys. (*Walk to one side*)

Lady (*Walk toward Voice, pretending to hold a water pot on your head.*)

Voice Ma'am, please give me a drink.

Lady Well, now! How is it that you, a Jew, ask me for a drink?
You snobbish Jews do not have any dealings with us Samaritans.

Voice If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that asked for a drink,
you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.

Lady Sir, you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep.
So where will you get that 'living' water?
Are you greater than our father Jacob?
He dug this well, and his sons and cattle drank from it.

Voice Everyone who drinks this water will thirst again,
but whoever drinks of the water that I give shall never thirst.
It will become in him a well of living water springing up,
giving eternal life.

Prompter & Echoes Living water!

Lady Sir, give this water to me, so I will not thirst
and have to come all this way to draw from this well.

Voice Go, call your husband and come back.

Lady I have no husband.

Voice Correct. You have had five husbands,
and the one you are with now is not yours.

Lady Oh! I see that you are a prophet!

Prompter & Echoes A prophet!

Lady Our fathers worshiped in this mountain,
but you Jews worship only in Jerusalem.

Voice Lady, an hour is coming when you will worship the Father
neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem.
Soon true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth;
for such people the Father seeks to worship him.
God is spirit, and those who worship him
must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Lady I know that Messiah is coming.
He will declare all things to us.

Voice He who is speaking to you is he.

Lady Oooh!

Prompter & Echoes Christ the Messiah!

Peter Look fellows. Amazing!
Jesus is talking with that Samaritan woman.
I wonder why. Oh! She left her water pot!
She's hurrying into the city.

Lady Neighbors! Come see a man who told me the things I have done!
He must be the Messiah!

Prompter & Echoes Let's go see him!

Peter Rabbi, we brought you this food. Eat.
(Pretend to hold out food to him)

Voice I have food to eat that you do not know about.

Peter Hey, fellows, no one brought him anything to eat.
What does he mean?

Voice My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to do his work.
Do not say, "In four months the harvest will come."
Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes and see the fields,
white and ready to reap.

Peter He means those Samaritans that are rushing toward us,
but they are our enemies! Oh! Now Jesus is talking with them.
He is friendly with them! Amazing!

Lady They tell me they no longer believe only because of what I said;
they have heard for themselves.
Now they know that this man is the Savior of the world.

Prompter & Echoes He gives the water of life!