

Bible Story 44: JESUS: THE LIVING WATER AND THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

SCRIPTURE: Living Water: John 7:10-17, 25-26, 37-38
Light of the World: John 8:12

MEMORY VERSE: John 8:12

BIBLE STORY:

John the Baptist died. Some people began to doubt who Jesus was. The Pharisees and the Sadducees were religious leaders. They were jealous of Jesus. So they wanted to get rid of Jesus. Yet, many people believed in Jesus. They admired Jesus and the miracles He did.

JESUS: THE LIVING WATER

Jesus went alone to the Feast of the Tabernacles. It was observed in the Temple in Jerusalem. What was the Feast of the Tabernacles? This was a Jewish feast held once a year. The feast was to help the people remember when the Israelite people were slaves in Egypt. God set them free. For forty years the Israelite people walked through the desert. During that time, they lived in tents. God led them into the Promised Land. At the feast, the people remembered God's protection upon the Israelites.

One part of the feast was when water from a golden jar was poured upon the altar. Why? They were to remember the water God provided when the Israelites went through the desert. When the Israelites were in the desert, the people were very thirsty. God told Moses to strike his staff on the rock. Moses obeyed. Water came out of the rock! The people drank the water, and they were no longer thirsty.

On the last day of the feast, Jesus said loudly, ***"If anyone is thirsty, come drink from Me."***

JESUS: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Another part of the Feast of the Tabernacles was when the candles on four golden lamps were lighted in the Temple. Why? This helped the people remember the column of fire God sent. While in the desert, the column of fire warmed, guided and lighted the way for the Israelites. Later Jesus said, ***"I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me will have light in his life and never walk in darkness."***

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?
2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. What was the Feast of the Tabernacles?
2. During the celebration, why was water from the golden jar poured over the altar?
3. Jesus said, *“If anyone is thirsty, come drink from Me.”* What does that mean?
4. How can Jesus satisfy your thirst - physically and spiritually?
5. Why were candles lighted in the Temple during the Feast of the Tabernacles?
6. Jesus said, *“I am the light of the world. The one who follows Me will have light in his life and never walk in darkness.”* What does that mean?
7. How can Jesus help you when you go through dark times of problems and difficulties?
8. How does Jesus light the way so that people know about God’s love and teaching?
9. How can Jesus light your pathway so that you know more about God?