Learn by Doing

Choice Water from the Well

The Lord's Word is like a well containing the water of life—true ideas that satisfy our spiritual thirst. Children create a "well" using grocery bags and act out going to the well for a cup of water. They receive a "drink" of the water of everlasting life at the same time by hearing a true idea from the Lord's Word.

1. How do you get a drink of water? Most people get water from a tap or faucet today. But when the Lord was on earth there were no faucets. People would walk a long way to get water from a spring or river. They might also go to wells to get fresh water from deep in the ground. The woman in our story went to a well for water. Wells were protected by large rocks.
2. We are going to make a well. Instead of rocks we are going to use bags. We will start by putting crumpled paper (or crumpled bags, etc.) into the bags. When the bags are full, staple them shut.
3. With the children's help, create a circular well around a bowl of water using the bags. Secure the bags in place using duct tape. For a deeper well, add another layer of bags on top and secure with tape.



4. Give each child a cup.
5. Line the children up at the well. Tell them that people waited in lines and took turns getting water from wells for their families and their animals.
6. Scoop water from the well using a ladle or an extra cup and pour it into each child's cup. As you pour the water for each child, read a verse from the *Water from the Well Quotations* (p. 2).

Materials Needed

Water from the Well Quotations p. 2, six to twelve brown paper grocery bags (or plastic bags), newspaper or more bags to use as filler, stapler, duct tape, large bowl, water, ladle, cup for each child

Smaller Option: For a smaller well, use paper lunch bags and build the well on a table. You could also use large cardboard or wooden building blocks.

Prepare in Advance

Clear a space for the activity. Turn grocery bags inside out to hide writing. Depending on your group, you may want to fill the bags ahead of time.

New Church Concept Living Waters

"Living waters" are often mentioned in the Word, and by them are meant truths that come to us from the Lord and are received. These are living, because the Lord is Life itself.... The Lord also...opens the spiritual part of our mind, and imparts to us the affection for truth; and the spiritual affection of truth is the very life of heaven within us. *Apocalypse Explained* 483

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Water from the Well Quotations

Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17	Drink from it, all of you. Matthew 26:27	Bring water to him who is thirsty. Isaiah 21:14
I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. Revelation 21:6	You gave them water for their thirst. Nehemiah 9:20	I will pour water on him who is thirsty. Isaiah 44:3
I was thirsty and you gave Me drink. Matthew 25:35	Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Matthew 5:6	Whoever drinks of the water I shall give him will never thirst. John 4:14
Let him who thirsts come. Revelation 22:17	Truth itself is living water. *Arcana Coelestia* 2702.5	They shall neither hunger nor thirst. Isaiah 49:10
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:3	The Word is the spring...for living water. *True Christianity* 777	Living fountains of water mean truths that are from the Lord. *Arcana Coelestia* 2702.6

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