Learn by Doing

Choice Living Waters



“Living waters” in the Word mean true ideas from the Lord that are received into a person’s mind. The ideas are living because the Lord is Life itself, so everything from Him is living, while everything from a person is dead. He gives life to the true ideas we know by flowing into them and inspiring us to live by them (see *Apocalypse Explained* 483). Children will illustrate this idea by making a well with a fountain of true ideas from the Word springing up from inside it.

1. Start by giving each child a piece of sandpaper, and oil pastels, crayons or markers. Invite them to make the sandpaper into a well by drawing rocks on the sandy side.
2. Give each child a cup with a slit in the bottom. Attach the sandpaper to the outside of the cup by wrapping it around the cup and stapling it to the top.
3. Hand out *Living Waters Quotations* (p. 2) printed on blue paper, and scissors. Children choose as many quotations as they wish and cut them apart along the gray lines. *Optional*: decorate the quotations with water-colored markers.
4. Arrange two or more quotations into a line and tape together thoroughly on both sides so the edges will not catch in the slit. Do not tape the other ends yet. Two separate “streams” of “living water” will fit through the slit in the bottom of the cup.
5. Thread the strip(s) through the slit in the bottom of the cup. Help the children adjust the strips in the bottom of the cup. Complete the project by forming each strip into a loop with the words showing and taping the ends together thoroughly.

Materials Needed for Each Child *Living Waters Quotations* p. 2, printed on blue paper; paper cup; enough sandpaper to cover the cup with edges overlapping; stapler; scissors; markers, oil pastels or crayons

Prepare in Advance

Print *Living Waters Quotations* p. 2 on blue paper. Cut sandpaper into pieces that will fit around the outside of a cup with an overlap. Make a slit in the bottom of each cup by turning it upside down and piercing the bottom with a pair of scissors. Cut a slit wide enough to hold a *Living Waters Quotation* strip.

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“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. *Apocalypse Explained* 483

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And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. Revelation 22:17
Whoever drinks of the water I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life. John 4:14
The Lord is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation. Therefore you will draw water with joy from the wells of salvation. Isaiah 12:2-3
Living fountains of waters mean truths that are from the Lord, or from His Word; for the Lord is the Word. *Apocalypse Explained 483*
The Word is the spring from which all the churches named for Christ draw living water in all its fullness. *True Christianity* 777
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Matthew 5:6

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