



## Children's Message

I don't think any of us think twice about getting a drink of nice cold water when we're thirsty. We don't have to walk farther than our refrigerator or ever go for more than a few minutes when we want something to drink.

Today in the gospel, **John** tells us the story of Jesus and His meeting the Samaritan woman at the well. Jesus is tired and thirsty and has to go a lot farther for a drink of water than we do. He asks the woman to get Him a drink. When I first read that, I wondered (just like the Samaritan woman) why Jesus didn't just get Himself a drink.

While I'm sure Jesus was really thirsty, He was doing more than just quenching His thirst. He had a lesson to teach and He created an opportunity to teach it. He wanted us to understand that He was offering Himself as the living water; the water of our baptism that changes us and makes us new.

Water is necessary for physical life. Our bodies require water to live. Water is necessary for our spirits, too, and through our baptism brings us eternal life.