

John 4

(Lectionary Year A, Lent 3)

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Creative story-telling of John 4 – Jesus and the woman at the well.	
You will need:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 confident storyteller• Optional slideshow (see info at the end)
Time required:	5 minutes

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Well, well, well – it's time for a story – a story of Jesus.

I'm going to tell you this story, and I hope I can tell it well.

In fact, to tell any story from the Bible it takes more than one person, more than one voice. So I hope that you will join in too, so we can tell this story together really well.

You'll see that the phrase "Well, Well, Well." turns up lots of times – and you're invited to join in on that.

"Well, well, well..." – it's a wondering phrase – and it reminds us that these stories of Jesus give us plenty to wonder about. And invite us not to jump to judgements or conclusions too quickly; judgements about people, about Jesus, about what the story means.

Content

If you are using the slide show, the images and text begin here:

Well, well, well.

This well is just outside a village.

Early this morning all of the girls of the village were here.
They brought their big Jars,
Giggling and gossiping and getting their water for the day

But in the middle of the day, the sun is blazing.
And no one is here. It is way too hot to be out at this time.
Well...well...well.
So I guess that's it. That's the end of our ...

No, wait a minute!
Some one is here at the well.
It's Jesus.
Well, well, well.
Doesn't he turn up in the strangest places?
Looks like he's thirsty, but he has no big jar to get water from the well.
So...I guess that's it.

No - wait a minute.
Someone else is here at the well.
It's a woman.
Well, well, well.

The woman is here in the blazing sun because
if she comes in the morning,
the other girls giggle and gossip
and shake their heads and say "Well! Well! Well!"

Who knows why?
They just do. So she doesn't come at the same time as they do
Who knows why?
Well, Jesus does.

Jesus knows, well, he knows everything about this woman.
Everything that has happened before
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, husbands
Well, well, well, well, well!
And about her life now.

And Jesus knows that she wants water
But even more than wanting water
She wants to know God.
Well well well,
Jesus tells her.
You can know God
If you know me.

Well, well, well.
What does she do now?



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The woman runs off into the town
 She giggles and she gossips to all the girls and the guys
 To come and meet Jesus by the well.

“Why? What is he like? Who is he?”
 Well...she says.
 Come and see for yourself.

Resources:

Use these images or download the pre-made PowerPoint presentation from
<https://intergen.org.au/shed/course/johncreative/277-john-4>

<p>Well, Well, Well...</p> <p>Woman at the Well</p> <p>John 4: 4-13, 25-35, 39-42</p> 	<p>Well, well, well. This well is just outside a village.</p> 
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And he knows that she wants water But even more than wanting water She wants to know God. Well, well, well. Jesus tells her, "You can know God if you know me."



Well, well, well. What does she do now? The woman runs off into the town. She giggles and she gossips to all the girls and the guys to come and meet Jesus by the well.

"Why? What is he like? Who is he?"

"Well ... " she says. "Come and see for yourself."

