Type: Joy Through Reading

Scripture: John 4
Duration: 5 min
Participants: 2
Memorization: No

SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

PURPOSE: This short presentation of God's Word invites us to search for truth through the story of the woman at the well in John chapter four.

Notes

- **Simply read the script sitting on stools** OR **Act out** the story as seen illustrated in parentheses below. (The residents will be able to see more clearly on a stool rather than a chair.)
- **Actions in parentheses** are not to be read, they are stage directions only.
- **Eye focus:** Unless otherwise noted, readers look outward to the audience.
- **Pacing:** Speak slowly, loudly, and clearly. Allow intentional pauses for reflection.
- The **Narrators**: Read with strong dramatic expression, varying tone and volume.

Readers

- **Narrator**
- **Woman** — "Searching for Truth"

Props

- **Bucket**
- **Rope**
- **Sign: SEARCHING FOR TRUTH**

SCRIPT

Narrator

I have a question for you today: Are you searching for the truth?
(Pause.)

A woman in the Bible, characterized in John 4 was, too.

(Pause.)

The story goes like this: Jesus was tired from traveling and He sat beside a well.

(Pause.)

Then she came.

Woman

*(Enter slowly from stage right. Wear a sign that reads **SEARCHING FOR TRUTH**. Pause beside the Narrator, looking at the audience.)*

Narrator

(Gesturing gently toward the Woman.)

Jesus said,
(Pause.)

“Please give me a drink.”

Woman

Why are you asking me for a drink?

Narrator

Jesus replied,
(Pause.)

“If you knew who I am,
(Pause.)

you would ask me for living water.”

Woman

But you have no bucket…
(Pause.)

and this well is deep! Where will you get this living water?

Narrator

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.”

Replied Jesus,
(Pause)

“But whoever drinks the water I give will never thirst.

(Pause.)

It becomes a spring of eternal life.”

Woman

(With excitement.)

Please—give me this water!

Narrator

Jesus told her,
(Pause.)

“Call your husband.”

Woman

But I..I… don’t have a husband.

Narrator

(Nod slowly.)

Jesus knows everything about us, and said..
(Pause.)

“You spoke the truth. You’ve had five husbands,
(Pause.)

and the man you’re with isn’t your husband.”

(Pause.)

To receive the truth, we must admit the truth.

Woman

(Lift head slowly, surprised and thoughtful.)

Sir… you must be a prophet.

Narrator

(Spread hands outward.)

Realizing she was beginning to understand, Jesus went on to explain..
(Pause.)

“True worshipers worship the Father in spirit and in truth.”

Woman

I know the Messiah is coming.
(Pause.)

When He comes, He will explain everything.

Narrator

(Point gently upward.)

Now it was time for Jesus to reveal who He really was, and He said:
(Pause.)

“I AM the Messiah.”

Woman

(Hand over mouth, eyes wide.)

I found the Messiah!

Narrator

She told her whole village.
Many believed—not just because of her words—
(Pause.)

but because they heard Jesus for themselves.
(Pause.)

The people from the village said:
(Pause.)

“Now we know He is truly the Savior of the world.”

Woman

***Guided Prayer*:**

Lord, You show up in our lives when we least expect it.

And it is these times that You open our eyes to truly see You.

We see You, as Lord and Savior of the world. Thank You.

We desire to see and understand You more.

You are our Peace, Comfort and Safety.

Come, and guide us today, that we may follow You, Hear You and Serve You.

All those who agree with this prayer and desire Jesus as their Savior say, “**In Jesus name, Amen**.”

Amen