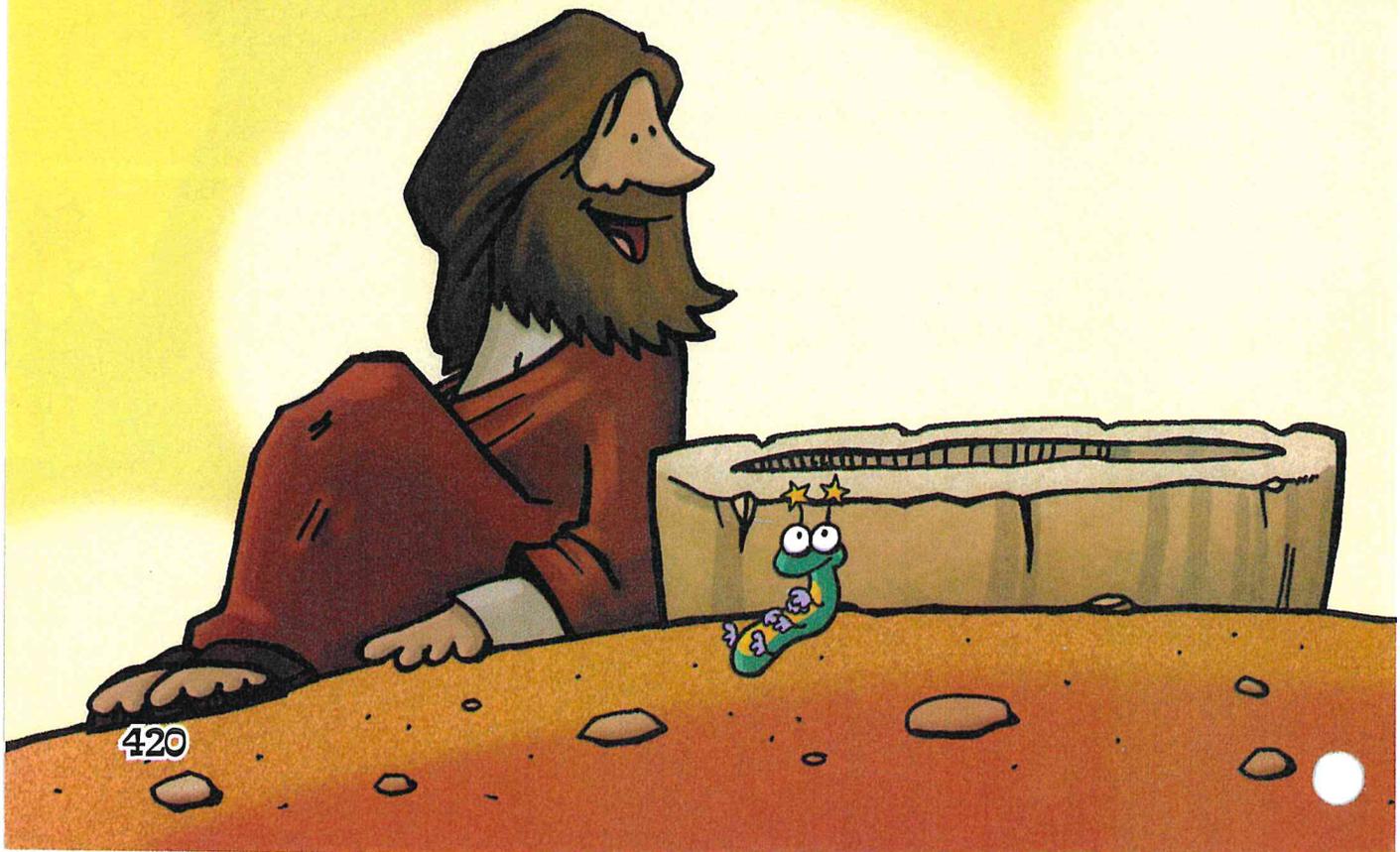


Woman at the Well

Tired from walking a long way, Jesus rested at a well in a place called Samaria. His disciples went to get food while he rested. The sun was high in the sky. Whew! Jesus was hot. His tongue was as dry as a wad of sheep's wool. He was very thirsty.



A Samaritan woman came to the well to get water.
“Will you give me a drink?” Jesus asked. She gave him
a puzzled look. Jesus was a Jew, and she knew that most
Jews didn’t like people from Samaria.

“Why are you asking me for a drink?” she asked.



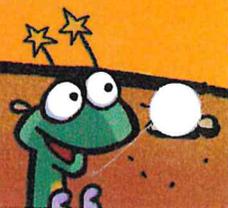
“If you knew who I was,” Jesus answered, “you would ask me for living water.”

Now the woman was really puzzled! “Sir,” she said as she pointed to the well, “the well is deep and you don’t have a jar. Where will you get this living water?”

Jesus smiled. “Everyone who drinks from this well will be thirsty again. But the water I bring lasts forever!”

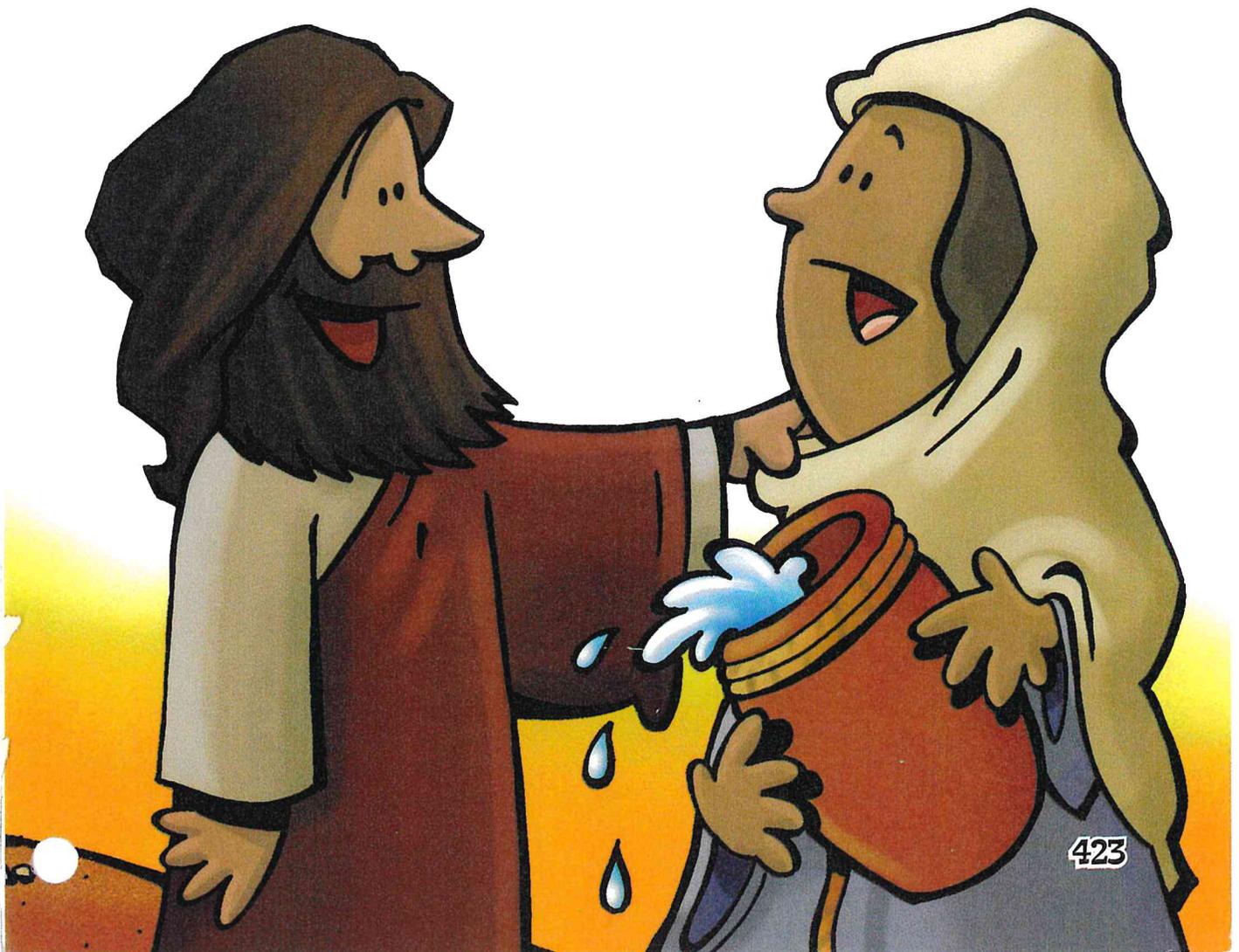
What the woman didn’t understand was that Jesus wasn’t talking about water you drink. He was talking about living water—love that forgives and life that lasts forever with God. As Jesus explained more, the woman became more and more interested. She wanted to hear more.

So Jesus told her more . . . lots more. Jesus knew all about her—about where she came from and what she believed.



As they talked, the woman's eyes began to twinkle. "I know the Messiah is coming," she said. "I've heard all about him."

Jesus smiled and put his hand on the woman's shoulder. "I am the Messiah," he said gently. The woman was so surprised; she nearly spilled her water jar!



As the disciples came back with food, the woman rushed past them. She was so excited to tell everyone about what Jesus had said.

The woman ran all over town telling people about what she had seen and heard. "There's a man at the well who says he's the Messiah. He has amazing things



to say! Come and see him for yourself!” she said.

The people came running to see Jesus. Many people believed in Jesus because of what he told them that day.

★ How would you have felt if Jesus talked to you and he knew everything about you?

