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Third Sunday of Lent, Year A - RCLB Lectionary

Lectionary: 28
Read Sunday's Gospel: John 4:5-42

Gospel Summary
Jesus approached a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well and asked her for a drink of water. This surprised the woman for several reasons. In the first place, it was unlikely that a man would ask a woman for anything and even more unbelievable that Jesus, a Jew, would ask something of a Samaritan, a great enemy of the Jewish people. Jesus explained to her that our thirst would return if we drank water from the well; but if we drank the water Jesus offered us, we would never thirst again. After Jesus told her many things about herself, she came to believe that he was the Son of God and called others to him.

Reflection for Families
Jesus offers us living water just as he did the woman at the well. It is the water of salvation so when we stumble, we know that Jesus refreshes us with forgiveness. This is helpful to remember on days when we are disappointed by our anger, impatience, and discouragement.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family
When you go to mass this weekend, be sure to invite the whole family to bless themselves at the baptismal font. On the way home, share your ideas about "living water" and the how the holy water of the font is living water for each person. Invite every member of the family to offer a way in which they can refresh someone at school, at work, or in the neighborhood by being Òliving waterÓ for that person.

Discussion Starters
1. I know Jesus is living water in my life because...
2. I was surprised when someone unexpected offered me living water...
3. This reading calls me to evangelization. I will respond (or have already responded) by...

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