

# AT HOME WITH...



## CLEAN WATER

### INTRODUCTION

Explain that today we are going to be thinking about how significant water is. A drop of water might not seem like much, but one drop of water together with others has the potential to become an ocean. Oceans have the power to shape and change the land around them. We're going to explore more about water and how we can get involved with becoming part of a wave of transformation in our own lives by supporting The Salvation Army International Development work.

### PREPARATION

- For Bible reading/thought: copy of John 4:4-14 story, access to internet and glasses of water
- For rain gauge: empty fizzy drinks bottle, ruler and permanent marker
- For planting seeds: plant pot, soil, seeds and water
- For making or carving soap: soap-making kit (available from craft shops) or bar of soap and cocktail sticks

### BIBLE READING/THOUGHT

Read together the story of Jesus meeting the woman at the well (John 4:4–14). Water is transforming. It revives when thirsty, makes dirty clothes clean, causes seeds to grow and erodes landscapes. At its most powerful it destroys buildings, and when harnessed creates enough energy to light up whole cities!

When Jesus met the Samaritan woman he offered her living water – water that transforms the life and soul of the recipient – and if we read on in the story we find evidence of this for the woman. When we accept Jesus as our friend and saviour this transforming water is ours too – it cleanses our sin and refreshes us daily to help us live as children of God.

Just as we feel physical thirst, so sometimes we can feel spiritually dry and need refreshment. Listen to 'All my fountains' by Chris Tomlin and talk about the words and how they can help. ([www.youtube.com/watch?v=OE61I0ePY18](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OE61I0ePY18))

Share in a drink of water together. Thank God for the gift of water, but more especially for the gift of living water that transforms our lives.



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### FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- Watch the following video clip about water and discuss what you learnt from them: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=9iMGFqMmUFs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9iMGFqMmUFs) (skip the adverts!)
- Make a simple rain gauge from an empty fizzy drinks bottle and keep a record of how much rain falls each day for a week or month. When you look at your results take time to talk together about countries where there is a shortage of water.
- Plant some seeds, eg mustard and cress or sunflower, and watch them grow. Don't forget to water them!
- Investigate ways the family could save water and try your best to do some of them.
- Go swimming together.
- Have a go at either making or carving soap. You could sell what you make and donate to our Clean Water work.

### SUGGESTED SONGS

SASB 3 'All things bright and beautiful'

SASB 53 'Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer'

SASB 72 'You can't stop rain'

SoF 487 'River, wash over me'

### SHARE

Share the results from your rain gauge with other families and with the person who gave you this session. Also talk to them about how you have been trying to save water and what you are going to do to raise money for the clean water projects. You could get a few families together to organise a fundraising event.



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