

LIVING WATER

List as many facts as you can about fresh water, including the water cycle, natural sources, needs & uses, impact on environment, etc.

Whether rain, rivers, streams, wells, or natural springs, brainstorm stories (books, movies, games, etc.) where fresh water is used to illustrate a scene.

List as many Bible stories as you can where living water is prominent to the passage.

Read this selection of verses and ponder God's use of the theme in Scripture:

Rivers and Steams:
Isaiah 44:1-5 Ezekiel 47:1-12
Psalm 46:1-5, John 7:37-39
Revelation 22:1-17

Thirst and Wells:
Isa 55:1-13 & 12:3, Ps 42:1-2, 63:1-8
Ex 17:1-7, 1 Cor 10:1-4 & 12:12-13
John 4:1-26 & 19:28-30, Rev 21:5-6

Explore this Hebrew word & picture: Mayim (H4325)

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Washing or being made clean is also an important illustration in God's story.

Read and ponder the following verses:

John 13:3-16
Ephesians 5:25-27
Exodus 30:17-21 & 38:8
Revelation 1:15

Take some time to reflect on all you've learned.
How does living water give glory to Jesus & illustrate His story?
Have you made any new discoveries?

ENGAGE IN WONDER

How does living water illustrate God's living story? Reflect on all you've learned.

Here are some additional questions to ignite your curiosity and imagination:

- Fresh water comes from above but is often harvested in deep places. How does this illustrate God's story?
- Considering how God's physical illustrations point to a spiritual truth, why do you think God created us to get thirsty?
- Why do you think God made fresh water both easily polluted but also able to be purified?
- Wells are an important illustration in God's story. Brainstorm stories in Scripture where a well was dug or a meeting took place. What is different about wells from other natural sources of living water. How do wells point to Jesus?
- In John 19:28, Jesus spoke the words, "I thirst" to fulfill prophecy. Why do you think that was significant?
- Read Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2
Pouring, raining, flowing— the movement of fresh water represents the Spirit. What happens when fresh water stops flowing?
- Considering the water cycle and the function of rain and clouds, read the following verses from a metaphorical point of view: Acts 1:9-11 and 2:14-17