

Drama Script

(DRA029)

The thirsty villagers

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DRAMA: “THE THIRSTY VILLAGERS” (DRA029)

- Aim of Script:** To encourage Christians to share their faith.
- Use of Script:** In an All Age Worship service the script could be preceded by reading John 4:1-30. This could be followed by teaching that all of us look for different ways to satisfy the “God shaped gap” within us. For the woman in the story...she had chosen relationships. We might choose money and possessions, travel, eating, achievements, shopping, the gym...or other things to satisfy the “God shaped gap.” Jesus offers us “living water” – the gift of a satisfying relationship with Himself. But once we have received this gift are we willing to share it with others, like the woman in the story did?
- The script could be followed by teaching people how to share the basic Gospel truths with someone else ie God loves us, we are separated from him by our sin, Jesus died and rose again to pay our sin debt so that we can be reconciled to God, we need to change direction, come to the cross, confess our sins and receive the new life Jesus offers us.
- Main themes:** Mission, Living water, Jesus satisfies, Evangelism, Witnessing
- Biblical references:** John 4:1-30
- Cast:** Narrator, Mr. Muscles (Mr M), Mrs. Workhard (Mrs W), Miss Distracted (Miss D), Mr Evangelist (Mr E)
- Props:** The cast all have placards around their necks with their names on. Mr Muscles wears gym kit, Mrs Workhard wears an apron and carries a duster and polish, Miss Distracted carries an ipad, ipod, shopping bag etc. Glass jug with a few drops of water in it, three small glasses, Glass jug full of water.

Narrator: The Delingi desert was the biggest and driest place you can imagine. Somewhere in that desert was a village called “Thirst”. Let me introduce you to some of the residents. Mr Muscles:

(Enter Mr M, who poses & shows off some of his muscles before standing at the front facing the congregation)

Mrs Workhard:

(Enter Mrs W, who walks on and dusts something before standing next to Mr M)

and Miss Distracted:

(Enter Miss D, who walks on in a distracted way, looking at her mobile phone before standing next to Mrs W)

Life was hard for the villagers for there was very little water to drink.

(Mrs W hands out a glass to everyone and then picks up a water jug with very little water in it and pours out a few drops into each glass)

- Narrator: Because there was very little water to drink, each villager lived with a gnawing thirst which refused to go away. Different villagers coped in different ways with this thirst.
- Mr. M: I focus on my body looking good.....so I am in the gym most of the day.....lifting weights, doing sit-ups, squats and press ups. When I am focused on how I look, I forget how thirsty I am.
- Mrs. W: Work, work, and more work.....that's what I do. As long as I don't stop working I can keep my mind off my thirst.
- Miss D: I manage to keep myself entertained all day and all night. I like to shop, watch films and party in that order.....so why would I even think about being thirsty when I have so many things to distract me?
- Narrator: Even though the villagers had different ways of coping with their thirst, the fact was that they all had the same problem - they were all very thirsty. One day a visitor came into their village.
- (Enter Mr E carrying a full jug of water)*
- Mr E: Hi everybody. Would anyone like a glass of water?
- All: Yes please
- (Mr M, Mrs W and Miss D all gather around Mr E holding out their glasses which he fills. They then all stand talking to Mr E whilst drinking the water)*
- Mr M: This is delicious.....and so satisfying.
- Mrs W: I cannot believe that for the first time in my life my thirst is finally satisfied.
- Miss D: Mmmmm is there any more?
- Mr E: Sure.....you can have as much as you like.
- (Mr E refills everyone's glasses)*
- Mr M: So where did you get this water from?
- Mr E: If you walk due north from here, you will come across a large oasis in about an hour's time. It is full of this delicious water.
- Mrs W: We need to tell the other villagers about this water. It is such wonderful news that we shouldn't keep it to ourselves.
- Miss D: I don't want to tell anyone else about this Oasis.....I want to make sure that there is enough water just for us.
- Mr E: You needn't worry....there is plenty of water for everyone.....I can't see it ever running out.
- Mr M: I'm sure there is enough water, but the other villagers won't want to know about this....they are quite happy as they are.....why upset their routines?
- Mrs W: Are you kidding? They are all as thirsty as we were a few moments ago. Have you so quickly forgotten what it felt like to be thirsty?

- Miss D: But they probably wouldn't believe us if we told them about the oasis.
- Mr M: And what would we say to them? That there is an "Oasis in the *Delinghi desert*." They'd probably mock me if I told them that, especially as I haven't seen it for myself.
- Mrs W: I think that it is amazing that Mr Evangelist has come and told us about where we can find water that satisfies our thirst.....I am going to tell all of my family and friends. Can I take this jug with me please?
- Mr E: Of course you can. *(Mr E hands over jug of water to Mrs W. Mr E & Mrs W exit together.)*
- Miss D: Oh look at the time.....I need to go and get my nails done because I have a big party to go to tonight.
- (Miss D exits.)*
- Mr M: Thanks for the reminder.....I need to get back to the gym or I won't keep these abs!
- (Mr M exits.)*
- Narrator: Unlike Miss Distracted and Mr Muscles, Mrs Workhard immediately went and told all of her family and friends that there was an Oasis in the desert, which provided satisfying water. They all decided to go and find the Oasis for themselves.....and then having found it, they came back and told as many people as would listen to them about it. Mr Muscles and Miss Distracted made occasional trips to the Oasis by night, but didn't tell anyone where they were going. They never shared the water that they collected with anyone.
- (Narrator exits.)*