

Water, Witnesses, and Wonders

THE STORY chapter 23

Intro: This past week I took to chapter 23 in THE STORY with three highlighters—blue, orange, and green—and colored the references to *water*, *witnesses*, and the *wonders* of Jesus.

I. Water

- a. Jesus' baptism
- b. Jesus' first miracle: water into wine
- c. Jesus' words to Nicodemus: "water and the Spirit"
- d. Jesus' offer of "living water" at the well in Samaria

II. Witnesses

- a. A voice from heaven: "This is my Son."
- b. The devil: "If you are the Son of God..."
- c. John the Baptist: "Look, the Lamb of God!"
- d. Andrew: "We have found the Messiah."
- e. Philip: "We have found the one Moses wrote about"
- f. Nathanael: "Rabbi, you are the Son of God."
- g. Nicodemus: "Rabbi...you are a teacher...from God."
- h. Samaritan woman: "Could this be the Messiah?"
- i. Townspeople: "This man is the Savior of the world."
- j. Demon: "...you are—the Holy One of God!"
- k. Demons: "You are the Son of God."

III. Wonders

- a. Jesus turned the water into wine
- b. Jesus knew the Samaritan woman's past
- c. Jesus drove out demons
- d. Jesus healed diseases, lameness, and infirmities
- e. Jesus forgave sins

Close: I went back through the chapter again with my yellow highlighter to mark forms of one word: "believe."

Do you believe in Jesus today?