

UMCOR SUNDAY

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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**Invite the children to gather near the baptismal font or around a large water bowl and pitcher.**

## **READ THE SCRIPTURE:**

"You will draw water with joy from the springs of salvation."  
*Isaiah 12:3, CEB*

## **MAKE THE CONNECTION WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER SAYING:**

Water is mentioned a lot in the Bible. Actually, the Bible talks about water 722 times! We might think about it as nature's miracle. We remember that Jesus was baptized in the river. We also use water to baptize.

But why else is water important to us?

- Drinking and cooking
- Washing hands
- Watering gardens and farmland

Sometimes, people have no choice but to drink from dirty rivers or rusty pipes. What happens when people don't have clean water in their homes or nearby?

- They might get stomachaches or other sickness
- When people can't wash their hands, germs can spread
- Water is needed to grow food and without it, people go hungry

Today is UMCOR Sunday. UMCOR means United Methodist Committee on Relief. One of the ways that UMCOR provides relief is by helping communities find sources of clean water. With clean water, people are healthier. With clean water nearby adults and children don't have to travel far or through dangerous areas. Adults can work more and provide in other ways for their families. And, children can go to school.

## **PRAY:**

Thank you, God, for water. The gifts we give today will help our church support UMCOR. We are glad to share what we have with others. Thank you for helping us show others your love through our gifts to UMCOR. Amen.



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