

# Missions Object Lesson

## ROMANIA

### Streams of Living Water

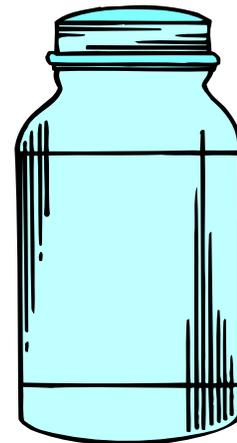
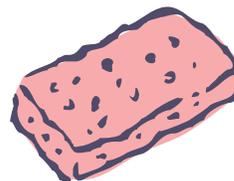
#### Key Scripture

John 7:38

*[Jesus said,] “Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”*

#### Materials Needed

- 2-liter plastic bottle full of water, labeled *YOU* (such as a soda bottle)
- Flat, dry sponge (brand name “Miracle Sponge™”)
- Clear container to place the sponge in, such as a large jar
- Piece of cardboard or heavy plastic labeled *UNBELIEF* (must be large enough to fit over the mouth of the clear container)



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## Presentation

*(Place the dry, flat sponge inside the clear container and set where the kids can see it. Show the kids the bottle full of water.)*

**Let's say this bottle represents YOU. The water inside it represents the Holy Spirit. When you believe in Jesus, you can ask and He will give you His Holy Spirit. When you have the Holy Spirit in your life, it's like having a stream of living water that brings abundant life to you and to everyone around you.**

**Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit so that we can reach the world with His love. The Holy Spirit helps us to show love and compassion and lead others to Jesus so that they can go to heaven.**

*(Show the kids the dry sponge inside the clear container.)* **Let's say this sponge represents the world. See how dried up and useless it is? These are people that Jesus loves, but they don't know it. They don't have the love of Jesus inside them. They don't have the full life that He can give.**

**Jesus wants you to reach them and show them His love. He wants to give you His Holy Spirit so that you can spread the living water to all the world.**

*(Show the kids the cardboard labeled UNBELIEF. Then put the cardboard over the mouth of the bottle, turn the bottle upside-down, and place over the clear container.)* **What's going on here? Why isn't the water reaching the sponge?** *(Allow responses.)*

**Unbelief is the one thing that will keep you from receiving the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him" (John 7:38). The next verse says, "By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive."**

**If you don't have the Holy Spirit, you can't effectively reach the world for Jesus. How can you receive the Holy Spirit? Simply by believing and asking. Then, when you receive the Holy Spirit, streams of living water will flow from you, as Jesus said.**

*(Pull out the cardboard and let the water flow into the container.)* **See how the water is bringing life to this dried-up sponge? Now imagine that this sponge is the world, soaking up the love of Jesus. The Holy Spirit in you made it possible.**

**If you don't have the Holy Spirit, why don't you ask Jesus right now to fill you up so that you can become like living water to the lost.** *(Lead in prayer for receiving the Holy Spirit.)*

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