

Bible Lesson

15. Jesus Saves a Wedding

John 2



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believed in him.

John 2:11

Jesus Saves a Wedding

Jesus loved the fun at the wedding in Cana. His mother Mary and his disciples came too.

Torches lit the night with glowing fire. Happy music filled the air. The bride and groom danced with joy. Children ran around and played. Everyone ate and ate. And they drank wine, lots of wine.

Uh oh! The wine ran out! What would happen to the party? People would go home.

“Jesus,” Mary said, “there is no more wine.”

Jesus said to her softly, “It is not yet my time.”

Still, Mary said to the servants, “Do what he tells you.”

Six big stone jars sat empty. “Fill the jars with water,” Jesus said. The servants obeyed. “Now take some to the person in charge,” Jesus said.

The person in charge took a sip. “Mmmm, this is the best wine ever!” he said. The water had turned into wine!

Jesus showed his glory by this sign. It was his first miracle. His disciples believed in him.

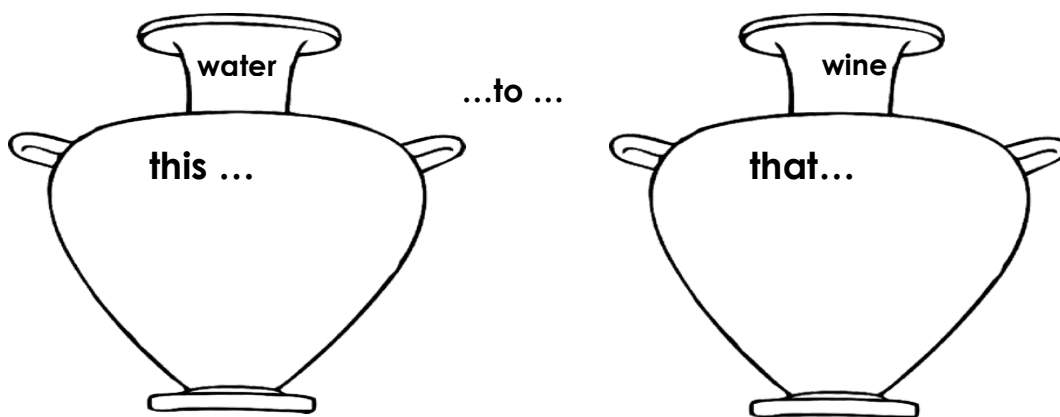
And the party went on and on.

Questions

1. What is a miracle? What was Jesus' first miracle?
2. The Bible calls this miracle a sign. Signs point the way. What does this sign show us?
3. Mary asked for help and then took action. How does asking plus action equal success?
4. At first, Jesus said no, but then he did the miracle. What does this teach you about asking?

Pray this prayer:

Dear Jesus,
Your miracles show the world that you are the Messiah, the Son of God. Thank you for making miracles. I need a miracle. I need you to change...



Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing

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Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

Before you read:

Activate Prior Knowledge

- a) Have you ever been to a wedding? What made it fun?
- b) What would the party be like if there wasn't enough cake?
- c) What is the difference between magic and a miracle?

After you read:

Magic or Miracle?

Bring the story to life. Light some electric torches to set an exciting ambiance. Learn a few steps from a Jewish wedding dance:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nacYgnQLHjY>

Find a large stone pot. Clean it and add a package of dry, red-flavored, powdered drink mix with any sugar you might need. Set it aside with some fake flowers in it. As you tell the story, say, "Jesus took a stone pot. It probably looked like this pot, only a lot larger." Take out the flowers; fill it with water. As you pour out "wine" the kids will be amazed. Teach the Hebrew word *shalom*.

Ask + Action = Answer

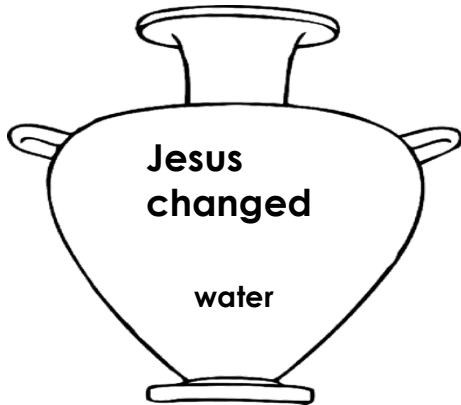
Look at question #3. What did Mary ask of Jesus? What action did she take? How did that bring an answer? Write the formula Ask + Action = Answer on the board. Write under it times when you have asked God for something, taken action, and God's answers to your prayers. Talk about Mary's persistence in the face of Jesus' first reply to her request.

Signs that Point to the Messiah

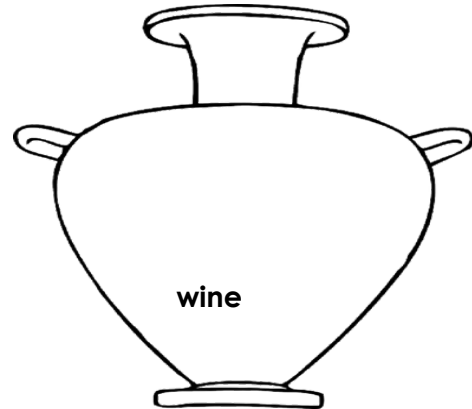
On the coloring page, create word bubbles and fill them with possible reactions of the disciples and guests. Some ideas for their thoughts: "It's a miracle" "Who is this man?" "Isn't this just Jesus of Nazareth?" "Now I believe," etc. Turn the pattern on the stone pot into arrows (draw the bottom of arrows) that point to Jesus. Color them in. Write on the rim: "The wine is a sign. Jesus revealed his glory." Talk about how miracles can serve as signs that point out who Jesus is and how we can worship him as the Messiah.

Water into Wine

Our God is in the business of making great change! Jesus' first miracle showed the world that he is the Messiah, the Son of God. Turn this page into a prayer, thanking God for the times that he turned negatives to positives. Trace the negative words on the left in blue colored pencils (for tears). Trace the positive words on the right in bright happy colors. Write in more of your own.



...into



Thank you for turning
my...

tears

confusion

anger

loneliness

bad grades

happiness

understanding

calm

friendship

good grades

Yes, You Bet! No. Not Yet

God usually answers prayers with one of these three replies:

1. Yes, you bet!
2. No.
3. Not Yet.

It's our job to ask, take action, and then accept God's answers. At the same time, look at how Mary did not give up hope after Jesus said, "It is not yet my time." Her faith and perseverance moved the hand of God! Have the kids fill in the clouds with God's replies to past prayers and how they felt about it. Sometimes a NO turns into a big relief! Thank him for ALL of his answers to our prayers.



YES, you bet!



No.



Not yet.