

Water into Wine

Theme

Jesus turns water into wine.

Object

A newspaper.

Scripture

John 2:11

Has anyone ever flipped through a newspaper? (Pass around the newspaper for kids to touch and see). The newspaper often has reports of good news, bad news, sports, weather, stories, and so much more. It's a great way to keep up with what's happening in the world around us.

The Bible is a lot like a newspaper. It gives us reports from moments in history and tells stories of things that happened a long time ago.

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What if we read our Bible lesson from today like it was an article in a daily newspaper? Today's story is from the Gospel of John. The word *gospel* actually means

"good news," so let's imagine that we are reading an article from the "Daily Galilean" or perhaps "The Jerusalem Times."

Wow! Listen to this headline! "Wedding Guest Turns Water Into Wine."

Hmmm...That sounds interesting. Let's read the rest of the story!

On Tuesday, a woman named Mary was in Cana to attend a wedding. A large number of guests, including her son, a man named Jesus, also attended the wedding. Guests at the wedding were reportedly having a good time until the host ran out of wine. At that point, it seemed that the happy celebration might turn into a disaster.

Some of the wedding guests thought that perhaps Jesus might have a solution to the problem, so they reported to Him that they were out of wine. When told about the problem, Jesus at first seemed unwilling to do anything, but after some encouragement from His mother, He finally agreed to help.

Eye witnesses at the wedding reported that Jesus noticed several large water jars nearby and instructed some servants to fill them with water. After the jars had been filled with water, He told them to dump some of the water out of the jars and take it to the man in charge of serving the wine. When the wine steward tasted the water, he discovered it had been turned into wine.

Wedding guests were amazed at the turn of events and said that the wine was the best they had ever tasted.

As a result of this miraculous event, many people are following Jesus everywhere He goes, and many believe that He might even be the long-awaited Messiah.

Well, that made a pretty good news story, didn't it? Do you know what is really great about this story? Just as Jesus performed a miracle by changing the water into wine at the wedding celebration more than 2,000 years ago, He is still working miracles in the hearts and lives of people today. If you will let Him, He will work a miracle in you.

Dear Jesus, worker of miracles, work a miracle in us today. Amen.

Sermon Title: "Water Into Wine" or "Do What He Tells You"

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11

WATER JUG RELAY:

Divide the children into teams and give each team a large bowl of water, a spoon, and a pot. Set a timer for the amount of time you want the game to last. Each team player will take his turn in spooning some water into the pot and then take the spoon back to the next player who will then go and spoon water into the pot. Continue until the timer runs out. The team with the most water in their pot is the winner!

DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU TO DO CLASS GAME:

The teacher will call on one of the children to come to the front of the class. Tell the class that they must "do whatever he/she tells you to do." The child will tell the children to hop, skip, jump, sing, or something similar. After the children have followed the child's directions, the teacher will call on someone else and will tell the children to DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU TO DO, etc.

Give everyone an opportunity to do something for the class to follow.

I BELIEVE LETTERS:

The children will cut out the letters for I BELIEVE and then decorate and glitter the letters, etc. They will then glue the letters onto a rectangular piece of construction paper and hang it on the wall. Have the children to sign their own name to their I BELIEVE sign.

BELIEVING FLIPCHART:

Give each child several pieces of construction paper that has been cut into quarters. Hole punch the tops of each sheet of paper and put a flipchart ring in the hole. Let children draw pictures of today's lesson on each sheet of paper and take turns telling the story to their classmates when everyone is done. Make sure that children write I BELIEVE, on their flipchart pages.

SCRIBBLE ART:

Give the children paper and markers to scribble circles all over the paper. Then take a red marker and fill in some of the scribbling circles to form the words I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES, etc. Hang the art on the classroom wall.

GRAPE JUICE BOTTLES:

Give each child a small bottle of grape juice. Provide children with a strip of paper to write I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES, or other phrases from today's lesson and wrap around the bottle of juice

and tape to the bottle. Let children drink from their grape juice bottles during snack time.

BELIEVE BOOK MARKERS:

Provide supplies for children to make a bookmark with words from today's lesson -- such as faith, believe, Jesus, miracles, etc.

MIRACLES CHALKBOARD:

Give colored chalk to the children and let them take turns going to the chalkboard and drawing a quick picture that represents a miracle that Jesus did in the Bible or a miracle that Jesus could do today! Encourage children to LOOK for miracles this week!!

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CARD:

Let each child take a quarter sheet of construction paper and write I BELIEVE IN JESUS and decorate their card. When the teacher says to pass the card to your right, children will pass their card and the next child will write his/her name on the card, and then continue to pass the card around the room until it returns to the owner of the card. Children will enjoy writing their own names on everyone's cards in a bright colored marker and their own design.

Song: "No Greater Miracle" by Charles and Elaine Kirkpatrick

Words and Music (pdf)

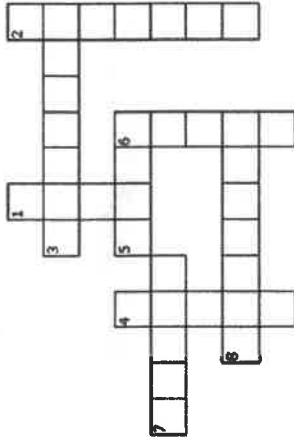
Accompaniment Track MP3

Song: "My God Is So Great"

Words and Music (pdf)

Accompaniment Track MP3

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
- Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others
- Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior
- One who is employed to perform services for someone else

DOWN

- A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
- A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
- A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H₂O
- To eat or drink a small amount

TASTE	SERVANT	WATER	MIRACLE
WEDDING	BEST	WINE	CHEAP



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John 2:1-11

Word Search Puzzle

V K L E W A T E R K X I N W S
 U C N J G D A A J Y H X R L I
 Y I S G I R S Q K D S V I W G
 W Z A W W K H L W O K H D T N
 U L V H W N K H J V H E P E S
 O X E M A S T E R L T G I S S
 A D D E Y G R B F S Z J C Z E
 D J C D E W S H A I C F R P R
 C T T T M E N T T W L X W G V
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 D S D R L A B K S D Y S K E S
 C T Z S F W F I E N E N M S X
 F I U M O I T W N B O D H H I

JARS	WEDDING	FILLED	MASTER	SAVED
LAST	SIGNS	FAITH	BEST	CANA
GLORY	WINE	TASTED	SERVANTS	WATER

Your Church Name Here
Anytown, Anywhere



Jesus is special. He can do miracles.

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Multiple Choice Quiz

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

- 1. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
A. taste B. cheap C. wedding D. wine
- 2. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
A. miracle B. servant C. wine D. best
- 3. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
A. best B. wedding C. servant D. miracle
- 4. One who is employed to perform services for someone else
A. wine B. servant C. water D. taste
- 5. To eat or drink a small amount
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- 6. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H2O
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- 7. Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior
A. servant B. water C. cheap D. wedding
- 8. Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others
A. best B. wine C. wedding D. water

The Miracles of Jesus





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John 2:1-12

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