



Kindergarten-2nd

January 18-19, 2014

DATE

Jesus' First Miracle

LESSON TITLE

John 2:1-11

WHERE TO FIND IT

Jesus shows God's power by turning water into wine.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (15 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

When kids enter the room at the beginning of the service, ask them if they know what a "miracle" is—or if they can share any examples of miracles. You can explain to them it's something amazing that only GOD can do.

check-in/out

Remind kids to show their parents the story bag they made today.

As you hand out Parent Pages, tell each parent/guardian about the pack of CDs. One is for their family to enjoy, and one is to help kids invite their friends to come hear God's Story in Kids' Club on Super Bowl Weekend. (The insert in the CD explains it more thoroughly.)

large group heads up

Jesus was fully man but he was also fully God. That means he could do miracles! Today, we're learning about the very first miracle Jesus did: he turned water into wine at a wedding so people could keep celebrating!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

THE GREAT GRAPE RELAY

(Split into small groups or play as the room: your choice)

- Split your group (small or large) into two equal teams
- Each team should form a line; place a **bowl** at each end of each team's line (2 bowls per team)
- Place **5 plastic grapes** into both of the bowls on the right side (the bowls on the left should be empty).
- Give each kid a **spoon**.
- On your signal, the kid closest to the bowl picks up a grape with his/her spoon and passes it to the next person in line—no hands; spoons only. This continues from person to person.
- When the grape has moved from the bowl on the right to the bowl on the left, the kid near the bowl on the right takes another grape and repeats the process.
- If a kid drops the grape, she/he must pick it up, return it to her/his spoon, and try again.
- The goal is to move all the grapes from one bowl to another.
- **AT THE END:** Stop and determine who's won—or who's ahead, if neither team has completed the task. Then say, "All or nothing: If one team, without touching the grapes or the bowl with their spoon, hands, or anything else, can make the grapes appear back in the original bowl, you win. No touching or even moving either bowl or any of the grapes." (This should, of course, be impossible.)
 - Once nobody can do it, say, "Looks like Team X is the winner!"
 - Line up for Large Group

*Grapes, bowls, and spoons will be used for subsequent services.

Before you go, remind kids of the expectations you have for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions. If you have extra time in line, ask them how their week went.

**The relay is for fun; the "At the End" contest gets kids thinking about Large Group. If you start late or have kids who want to discuss their week in-depth, just make time for the "At the End" contest last.*



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of Jesus' first miracle and (2) recognize that a miracle is something amazing that only God can do.

Why? It's pretty incredible that Jesus' first miracle was something as "unnecessary" as creating more wine for a wedding. Kids may not understand how this story reveals Jesus' love for us, but if they know the story well, they can piece it together as they get older.

Tip: Write kids' names on the story bags ahead of time.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Have you ever gone to a birthday party? What's it like?
2. Who else celebrated by going to parties with his friends and families? (Jesus)
3. Where did Jesus go in today's story? (a wedding)
4. Why were the people who planned the party upset? What did they run out of? (wine)
5. How did Jesus help the people at the party?
6. How did Jesus turn regular water...into wine? (it's OK to end with: we don't know—it's a miracle; only God has the power to do miracles!)
7. Why did Jesus turn the water into wine? (the most important reason is that he showed God's power, but it's OK to also say that he allowed people to keep celebrating)
8. Does anybody know other miracles Jesus did? Has anybody seen any modern-day miracles? (make sure to steer kids from paranormal activity to specific ways that God showed his power)

ACTIVITY: STORY BAGS

Kids are making **story bags** (brown bag with sticker) to retell the story of Jesus' first miracle. Go through the story with kids first, holding up each item as a "prop." Then go through it a second time, distributing items as you go. If you have time, review the story a third time—and even act it out together! Repetition will help kids remember it.

1. Jesus went to a wedding.
 - a. Jingle the **wedding bells**. Maybe even hum "Here comes the bride" for effect.
2. The bride and groom and everybody else ran out of wine!
 - a. Show kids the **empty cup**. Turn it upside down and appear distressed at its emptiness.
3. Jesus turned water...into wine!

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- a. On the **card with the picture of a glass of water**, color the liquid red. When you hand cards out to kids, let them **color red** through the water too.
4. There was enough for all the guests!
 - a. Put on the **party hat** and celebrate! You could even turn on the Kids' Club music for a mini dance party.
5. God's glory and power shined like a **lightbulb**—and the disciples put their faith in Jesus.

***Pray together, thanking God that Jesus did miracles...and continues to do miracles! Ask the kids if they have any requests to bring before God.**

AT THE END:

- Ask: Who does God want to see his glory and know how good he is? (everyone!)
- Explain:
 - But not everybody knows about God. One way we can introduce others to Jesus is by inviting them to learn about Jesus with us! So on Super Bowl Weekend (in two weeks), I want to challenge you to invite a friend to come with you to Kids' Club.
 - Your job is to think of one friend who doesn't come to Kids' Club and invite them to come on Super Bowl Weekend (ask your parents first).
 - (**Distribute packets of 2 CDs**): One is for you and one is to give to that friend as an invitation. **Write your friend's name in the blank space on the insert of the CD.**

*Extra time? Give kids a **coloring page** that retells the story. Let them color and see if they can use the pictures to retell what happened.*



special notes

Come early enough to set up today's props! You'll need to duck into a room with a sink or bathroom and add a little water to one of the pitchers before Large Group begins.

presenter tips

Preview today's video at this link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTAI-v2qkc8> (first 3:29 only).

script

BEFORE KIDS COME IN, FILL ONE PITCHER PARTIALLY FULL OF WATER. IN THE EMPTY CUP, DUMP ONE PACKET OF KOOL-AID IN THE BOTTOM. SET ASIDE AND PREPARE TO USE AFTER THE VIDEO.

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so happy to see you. You've been playing a relay game with grapes...and I heard you had a special opportunity to pull ahead and win at the end. All you had to do was make the grapes in one bowl appear in the other. Did anybody do it? (Let kids respond.) Why not? (Let kids respond.)

OK, so it would be pretty crazy to just make grapes jump out of one bowl and into another, wouldn't it? We can't do stuff like that. But do you know who CAN do things that are impossible for us? (Let kids say: God/Jesus). You got it! And when God does something that's impossible for us to do, it's called a MIRACLE. Miracles show us God's power!

Now, God doesn't go around making fake grapes switch bowls. If we saw that happen, we'd probably just be freaked out. But God DOES do miracles that he knows will bring him glory or show everybody his power. And when Jesus was on earth, he did a lot of miracles. But today, we're going to hear about his very first one. And I'll tell you right now...it might surprise you!

JESUS GOES TO A WEDDING

So first of all, today's story starts when Jesus went to a place called Cana. Can you guys say, "Cana"? (Let kids say it.) Great job! And Jesus went to Cana to attend a wedding (**click to show picture of a wedding**). Have any of you been to a wedding? (Let kids respond.)

Now we usually have a ceremony and a reception afterwards with food and celebrating. We eat cake, take lots of pictures, and sometimes there's dancing. But back when Jesus was in Cana, weddings were a little different. The celebrations lasted a long time, usually several days. They would need a lot of food and drink--maybe enough to last for a whole week!



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When the guests entered, there would be BIG containers of water, like this ([click to show the water containers](#)). These were 20 or 30 gallons...that's as big as a bathtub! Since it was dusty and dirty out, people at the wedding would wash their feet in the water. Then they'd go into the wedding and have a good time.

JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE

Well, at this wedding in Cana, there was a problem. The bride and groom ran out of wine, which is kind of like grape juice for grown-ups. This might not seem like a big deal, but the bride and groom would have been very embarrassed. Jesus decides that this wedding is a great place to show how powerful God is. He does his first miracle of turning water into wine!

We're going to watch a video to give us a picture of what it really might have been like! As you watch, see if you can figure out how Jesus turned the water into wine.

Video: Jesus Turns Water Into Wine clip

Wow, so how did Jesus turn water into wine? (Let kids say: he told people to fill up the washing basins and then put the water into a cup. When it was in the cup, it was wine! There's no "clear" explanation.) That's right. We really don't know how it happened. But we know that the yucky water from the basins, like old bathtub water, was put into cups and became delicious wine.

(Pick up the **clear pitcher**) Basically, Jesus took regular old water.... (Pour it into the **clear cup**, the one with the **kool-aid packet** dumped on the bottom)...and it turned into wine! Then everybody could keep on celebrating, because Jesus **LIKES** it when we celebrate with family and friends!

ONLY GOD CAN DO MIRACLES

I used some kool-aid to make this water turn colors. But Jesus took plain old water, didn't use *anything*, and it became wine! It's hard to even imagine how that happened, isn't it? That's because only GOD has the power to turn water into a completely different drink!

And who saw how powerful God was through what Jesus did? (Let kids say: everybody at the wedding.) Yes, all those people! And now we get to hear about it and see God's power too.

John 2:11 tells us WHY Jesus did this miracle. It says:

SLIDE: John 2:11 That was the first of Jesus' miraculous signs. He did it at Cana in Galilee. Jesus showed his glory by doing it. And his disciples put their faith in him.

Jesus got to show that he was God. And his disciples believed that Jesus was the Son of God, the Rescuer! And did you guys know that Jesus still does miracles? He does! He still heals people and provides food for people and does amazing things that ONLY God can do! He does it to show his power, because he's still our God and our amazing King.



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WORSHIP

Now stand up and let's praise Jesus to show him that we believe in his power!

Song: Grow Up Like Jesus

Song: Come With Me

PRAY

Ask somebody to pray and thank God that Jesus did a miracle in Cana—and that he STILL does miracles!

BEFORE KIDS GO

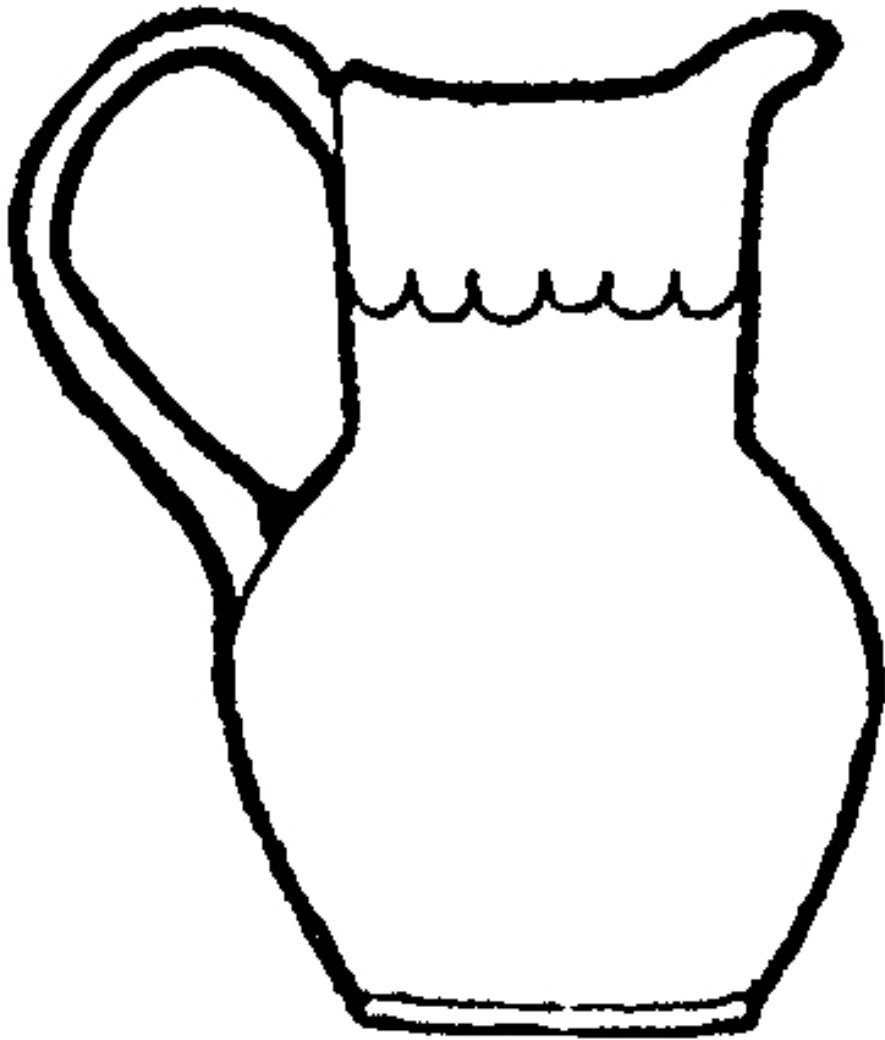
Hey, and you know what? God wants everybody to see how powerful and loving he is! We're lucky we get to know him more every weekend in Kids' Club. Not all kids get to come to Kids' Club though, do they? So in two weeks, we're going to have an extra special Kids' Club! We're going to talk about God's WHOLE story and how amazing God is. You'll talk more about this in small group, but think about a friend who doesn't get to come to Kids' Club. (Pause.) We want to FILL Kids' Club with our friends in two weeks!



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

- 1 plastic spoon per kid (can be re-used)
- Styrofoam bowls (enough for 4 per small group; can be re-used)
- 10 plastic grapes per small group (reused)

small group supplies

Coloring Page: Pitcher

1 per kid: bundled pack of 2 KC Volume 4 CDs

For every 2 kids, print 1 story coloring sheet (most small groups probably won't get to this part)

1 per kid: brown paper bag with sticker (Avery 5264 labels)

1 per kid: Wedding bells: OT IN-16/583

1 per kid: Empty Dixie cup

Lightbulb bead: OT: IN-48/6898

1 per kid: Card with 1 image on it: print and cut cards using water card template

1 party hat per kid: use something like this:

<http://bit.ly/1gAfJzW>

Per group: Red crayons or markers

large group supplies

Bible

One clear pitcher

One large clear cup

one pack of red kool-aid

towel or piece of plastic

a/v needs

1. Image: wedding
2. Image: wash basins
3. Video: Gospel of John DVD: Jesus Turns Water Into Wine: 12:51-16:20
4. SLIDE: John 2:11 "That was the first of Jesus' miraculous signs. He did it at Cana in

Galilee. Jesus showed his glory by doing it. And his disciples put their faith in him."

5. Song: Grow Up Like Jesus (hand motions)
6. Song: Come With Me (hand motions)

connect questions

Tell me about Jesus' first miracle.

Why did Jesus change water into wine?

parent page

Jesus came to rescue us, but that's not the only thing he did to show us God's power. He did a bunch of amazing miracles too! Today, we learned about the very first miracle Jesus did: He turned water into wine at a wedding! He showed God's power—and all Jesus' disciples believed in him. Read about it together in John 2:1-11.