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JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE

JOHN 2

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus changed water into wine, revealing His glory and showing that He is God. Like the disciples, we can believe in Jesus. Those who trust in Jesus are saved from their sin and changed to become more like Jesus.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned.

MEMORY VERSE

1 John 3:5

PREPARE



Take time to reflect on today's lesson.

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Jesus' first miracle at the wedding in Cana reveals His power as the Messiah and His glory as the one and only Son of God. Jesus continued to draw people to Himself as He stepped into His public ministry, though He continued to move only in accordance with the will of His Father in heaven.

The wedding in Cana served as the backdrop to Jesus' first miraculous act as Messiah. At this celebration, He met a need that was far greater than providing mere beverages to thirsty guests; rather, He selectively revealed His glory to those who were aware a miracle had taken place. When Jesus asked His mother, "Woman, what does this have to do with me?", He revealed that, even though Jesus is worthy of all praise, it was not the right time for Him to be publicly fully glorified and worshiped. Jesus was submissive to His Father's timing in all things.

Jesus transformed basic water into the most spectacular wine of the night. This was an even greater feat than Moses sweetening the Israelites' bitter water in Exodus 15. Christ demonstrated to onlookers that He is greater than even the mightiest prophets of the Old Testament. Jesus revealed His glory as the one and only Son of God, the One worthy of faith.

Even greater than the miracle of turning water into wine, Jesus has the power to turn sinners into saints (believers), just as He led the disciples to believe in Him by faith (verse 11). This week, help kids see that Jesus has the power to bring us into a right relationship with the Father and mold us into His image as we continue to trust and obey.

WELCOME



Connect with kids as they arrive.

OPENING ACTIVITIES

Greet each kid as they arrive. Use this time to build relationships and help new kids connect to your group. Before heading to large group, you can play a game, chat with kids, or do the memory verse activity below!

MEMORY VERSE

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

1 John 3:5, ESV

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY

Each month, we'll have a new memory verse that goes with the lessons we're learning from the Bible. Choose one of the provided activities in your room's memory verse folder to review the verse with the kids.

Note: Our next Bible Bucks Day will be on May 24!



LARGE GROUP LESSON



Review what we're learning in large group.

JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE

Jesus, His mother Mary, and His disciples were invited to a wedding in Cana of Galilee. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother told Him, "They have no wine."

"What does this have to do with me?" Jesus asked. "My hour has not yet come." Jesus meant that it was not yet time for Him to be glorified, or to be worshiped and praised.

Mary told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now six stone water jars were at the wedding for religious washing. Each jar held 20 or 30 gallons. Jesus told the servants to fill the jars with water. The servants filled the jars to the top. Then Jesus said, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." The servants did as Jesus said.

When the master of the feast tasted the water that had now been turned into wine, he didn't know where the wine came from—but the servants knew. The master of the feast called the groom and said, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now."

This was the first miracle Jesus performed. He revealed his glory, and His disciples believed in Him. After this, Jesus, His mother, and His disciples went to Capernaum and stayed there a few days.

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ACTIVITIES



Do crafts and games with kids after large group.

ACTIVITY: WATER TO WINE

Pass out the provided supplies (water jug paper template, red markers, glue, paper towel pieces, etc.) and instruction sheets. If needed, help kids cut out and glue together the pieces.

Once everyone has completed the craft, pass out the water cups and eye droppers. Have everyone put a few drops of water on the paper towel and watch the “water” turn into “wine.”

Scan the QR code for a video guide!

CONNECT THE DOTS



Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine, and not just any wine, but the best wine! When He did this, He revealed that He is God. Only God could have changed water into wine like that. When we learn about Jesus' miracles, it can help us believe in Him.



BIBLE SKILLS: MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE

Spend some time today reviewing this month's memory verse. Remind kids that Bible Bucks day is May 24. You can choose one of the activities in the provided memory verse folder or create your own.

CLOSING ACTIVITIES



Continue to engage kids before parent pick-up.

BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Ask the following questions and lead your small group to discuss.

1. What does Jesus' first miracle show us about Him?
2. How should we respond when we see God's power displayed?
3. What does it mean to believe in Jesus?
4. Jesus provided for those at the wedding feast. How can we trust Jesus to provide for our needs today?
5. Why is it important to obey God even when we don't understand everything?

HAVE EXTRA TIME?

If you have extra time or your group needs to get out some energy, play one of the games/activities in your extra time bin in the cabinet or the "extra time" folder on the TV.

If there's a new game or activity you want to have available for your group in the future, let Taylor know!

BEFORE YOU GO...

Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

1. Put all extra supplies and binders back in the curriculum bins.
2. Clean all trash off the tables.
3. Put all crayons, markers, etc. back in the appropriate containers and cubbies.
4. Erase the whiteboards and put markers/erasers back in the holder.
5. Turn off the TVs as you leave.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!