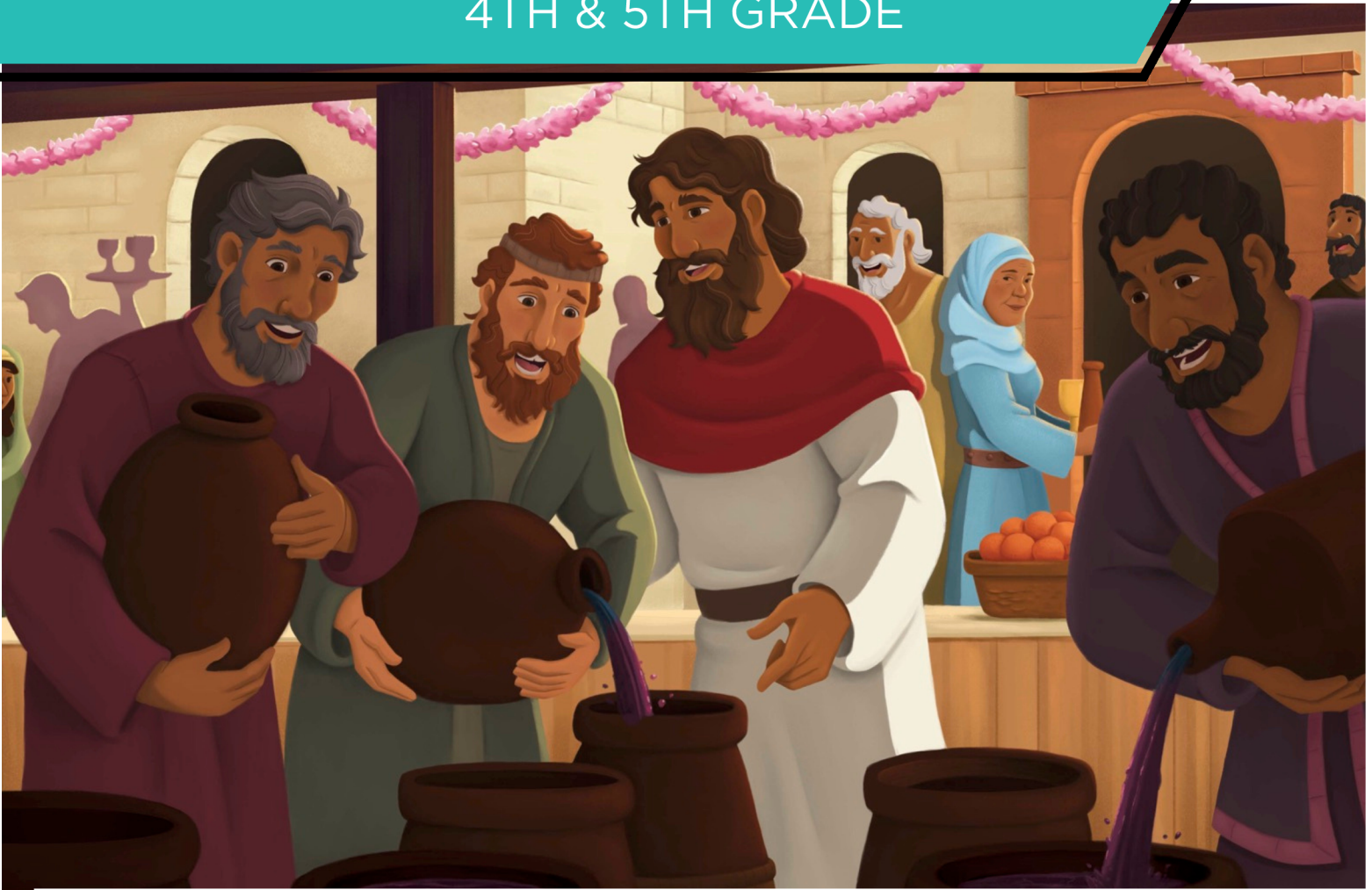


PRETEEN MINISTRY

4TH & 5TH GRADE



MAY 3, 2026

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.

LEADER DEVO

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.

ARRIVAL

When kids arrive, they can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until large group starts. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and build relationships with them. Ask them about their week, big events coming up, or follow up on a prayer request from the week before.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY

THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE

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

1 John 3:5



NEXT BIBLE BUCKS DAY

MAY 24

There are many techniques and tools to help kids (and you!) memorize Scripture.

THIS MONTH'S TOOL: VERSE ABBREVIATIONS

On an index card, write out the first letter of each word in the verse you want to memorize. For example, 1 John 3:5 will look like:

Y K T H A I O T T A S A I H T I N S

LESSON

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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SMALL GROUPS

OUR GOAL

To create opportunities that invite preteens to discover for themselves what it means to own and live out their faith.

DISCUSSION / APPLICATION

- 1) What does Jesus' first miracle show us about Him?
- 2) What does it mean that Jesus can even do miracles like this?
- 3) The servants were told to obey Jesus even though they didn't understand what He was doing. Have there been times in your life when you had to do something that you didn't understand? What was that like?
- 4) Does God still perform miracles today?
- 5) Is there something in your life right now that you would like prayer for God to work a miracle in?

PICK UP

After small group, kids can play in the game room, large group room, or the balcony area. They can go between the areas as they want until they are picked up. Leaders should be spread out in these areas to watch kids. Use this time to interact with kids and follow up on any questions or discussions from small group time.

As parents arrive upstairs, direct them to the game room, large group room, or balcony to pick their kids up. Make sure to match their security code with their kid's name tag and remove the name tag before they leave!

CLEAN UP

- Put away any supplies used during small group.
- Turn off TVs and lights in the small group rooms.
- Turn off both air hockey tables and put away extra pucks or paddles.
- Gather any balls or other items left out in the game room and put them away in the correct bins.
- Put away any games, books, or supplies in the balcony area.
- Check for any items left behind by kids and put them in the lost and found.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING!