

## Jesus' First Miracle

John 2

**Did Jesus ever sin?**  
No, Jesus never sinned.

"But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin."  
1 John 3:5

### Story Point:

Jesus changed water into wine and showed His glory.



### PREPARE HEARTS

- Welcome - What's the Message?
- Starter Activity - Water to Wine



### ACTIVATE HEARTS

- 9:20 - Bible Lesson in LG2
- Review and discuss the Bible Story
- Reflection and Prayer
- Questions from Kids Video



### ENGAGE HEARTS

- Key Passage Activity - Memory Game
- Group Activity - First of the 7 Signs
- Group Activity - Jesus is a Miracle Worker

## SHEPHERD GUIDE

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, "What has this concern of yours to do with me, woman?", 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.

REMINDER: Our VIP meeting is from 8:30-8:40 in C1. Your supply bin will be in your classroom.

## MAIN TAKEAWAYS: We want our kids to:

- \*KNOW that Jesus showed His glory through miracles.
- \*BE amazed at Jesus' power and authority over all creation.
- \*BRING their worries, fears - anything! - to Jesus and trust that He cares.



*As children arrive - Welcome them by name and invite them to play with you and the other children. Use this time to get to know your kids - ask them about their week, about their likes and dislikes and about their school, family and friends.*

*Ways to connect - Play a game from the closet, color or draw together, build with legos/blocks, etc. When most kids have arrived for first service (by 9:05ish), ask them to clean up the toys and find a seat at one of the tables to begin the class.  
\*Pen Pal Kit!!*



## PREPARE HEARTS

### OPENING QUESTIONS:

**Have you ever seen something amazing happen? How did you respond? Did you tell other people about what you saw?**

Invite kids to complete the "What's the Message" activity page.

Today we will see that Jesus performed His first miracle. This miracle revealed His glory and showed His disciples that He is God. I'm looking forward to sharing this story with you!

## WELCOME

### What's the Message?

- Activity page
- pencils
- markers

Give a little background on the story of Jesus' first miracle by comparing wedding receptions of today to those in bible times. One huge difference is that their feasts lasted for 7 days!!

Explain that at this wedding, they ran out of wine and Jesus did his first miracle by changing regular water into the best wine anyone had ever tasted!

Show the water jug full of regular water (fill it in your sink). Then, pour the clear water into your water pitcher (that's not see-through, and has a little bit of Kool Aid in the bottom of it). Next, use the water pitcher to fill a few cups. The kids will be amazed when the water comes out red, like wine! (Option, let the kids taste it.... as long as they don't have a food dye allergy.)

**SAY:** Today we will learn about Jesus' first miracle. Jesus changed water into wine and showed His glory. Before this, Jesus had not yet revealed His glory, but the time had come for others to see that He is God.



## STARTER

### Water to Wine

- Water "jug"
- Water Pitcher
- Kool Aid
- Paper cups



## ACTIVE MINDS

Taught by the Bible Teacher:

### INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

(Quick 1 minute review!)

9:20 – 9:35

K - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade in LG2

### BIBLE STORY:

#### Jesus' First Miracle

Bibles, Powerpoint slides

Quick Review of where we are in the Big Story of the Bible and Big Picture Question:

**Did Jesus ever sin?** No, Jesus never sinned.

Open your Bible to John 2.

#### STORYTELLING OPTIONS / TIPS:

**Set the scene:** Display wedding decorations and set up a table like a feast is about to happen. Invite the kids to join you in this area as you tell the story.

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 don't have any wine."

"What does this concern have to do with me?" Jesus asked. "My time 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 water out and give it to headwaiter." The servants did as Jesus said.

When the headwaiter tasted the water that had now been turned into wine, he didn't know where the wine came from—but the servants knew. The headwaiter called the groom and said, "Usually, people set out the best wine first and save the poor-tasting wine for later in the party. But you have kept this amazing wine until the end!"

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.

## 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.



### REVIEW AND DISCUSS

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Allow time to have the children think and process - however this works best for your class. We want our kids to feel known and heard!

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In small groups (or as a large group), use the coloring page (on the other side of the worksheet) and have children color while you talk through these questions.

Jesus, His mother Mary, and His disciples went to a wedding in Cana. While they were there, the host of the party had a problem. He had run out of wine, which was an important part of the wedding feast. The time had come for Jesus to perform His first miracle. Jesus instructed the servants to fill the jars with water and then take some to the headwaiter of the feast. **When the headwaiter tasted the liquid from the jar, what did he taste?** Look at John 2:9. [Ask a volunteer to read John 2:9 aloud.] Jesus had turned the water into wine—wine that was better than what they had served at the beginning of the wedding feast. Jesus changed water into wine and showed His glory. **What was the disciples' response when they saw Jesus turn the water into wine?** Look at John 2:11. [Ask a volunteer read John 2:11 aloud.] Through Jesus' first miracle the disciples realized that Jesus is God, and they believed in Him. Jesus showed that He has power over everything.

As we read the Bible and learn more about Jesus' ministry, power, and works, we see Jesus for who He is—the Savior of the world. That leaves us with a choice. We can trust Him as our Lord and Savior, or we can continue in unbelief.

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## Reflection and Prayer

Journal Page

Have children use their journal page. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions. Or, just talk about it together.

- **What does this story teach me about God?**

*That Jesus cares about all our needs - big and small. Jesus is also all-powerful. He is the only one who can perform miracles like changing water to wine.*

- **What does this story teach me about myself?**

*That Jesus cares about me and all my needs. That Jesus listens when I come to him and that His words can be trusted.*

**Pray together:** *Lord, thank You for sending Jesus to come to earth to live a perfect life, displaying His power and glory as God. Help us respond to Jesus by trusting in Him for salvation. We love You, Lord. Amen.*



## Questions from Kids Video

USB on TV

Show the “Unit 21, Session 1” questions from kids video. Prompt kids to discuss:

- How do you know if something is a miracle or just a coincidence?
- What other miracles that Jesus did do you remember?



## ENGAGE HEARTS

Show the key passage poster. Lead kids in reading aloud 1 John 3:5

### Key Passage Activity:

### Memory Verse Memory Game

- Sets of Red and Blue cards

**SAY:** Jesus came to live a perfect life on the earth and die on the cross to take away our sins.

Divide class into groups of 4. Give each team a set of cards, half of which are blue (to represent water) and half of which are red (to represent wine) - and all with the same color backs. Each card will have a word from the verse printed on it.



Have them lay out their cards with the white side facing up in 5ish rows. Have them take turns turning over 2 cards, hoping to make a matching color pair. Once they find all the matches, have them work together to put the verse in order.

Extra challenge: Make it into a race to see which team can get the verse in order first.



## First of the 7 Signs

- Bibles
- “7 Signs” half-sheet
- Pencils

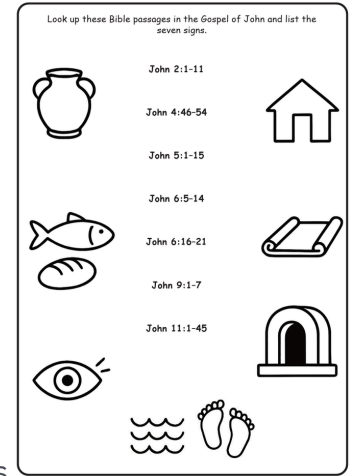
John calls this miracle “the first of His signs” because it wasn’t just an amazing event, it pointed to who Jesus truly is. They are signs, like big arrows pointing to who He really is. A sign doesn’t exist for itself; it exists to show you something important.

Ask: What does this first sign shows us about Jesus? Discuss and come up with a list on the whiteboard to be something like this:

1. Jesus has the power of the Creator
2. Jesus brings joy where things are empty
3. Jesus came to make things new, not just fix problems
4. Jesus works in quiet, powerful, behind the scenes ways
5. Jesus gives abundantly, not barely enough
6. Jesus makes the best, not the leftovers

John includes these signs, so we won’t miss who Jesus is. They are meant to help us trust Him, not because He can do amazing tricks but because He is an amazing God.

Pass out Bibles and the “7 Signs” worksheet and have the children work with a partner to look up the Bible verses and list the 7 signs. They can also draw a line to match the picture to the sign.



## Jesus is a Miracle Worker

- White paper
- Penny
- Clear drinking glass with white paper covering the opening
- Rolled up construction paper “tube”

Talk to the class about how Jesus turning water into wine wasn’t just a magic trick, it was a miracle. Ask, “what’s the difference between a magic trick and a miracle? Miracles may look like magic tricks because they are surprising, but instead they are extraordinary events that take place only because of God’s supernatural powers and go beyond our human limits. It is something that only God can do.

Show the class a magic trick and then explain how it was only a magic trick and not a miracle. Explain how you did it afterward.

- Put a penny in the middle of a blank sheet of white paper.
- Have a glass (set upside down and with a white paper cut-out over the rim) on the corner of the paper.
- Take the construction paper tube and put it over the drinking glass.
- Pick up the paper and glass and place it on top of the penny.
- Take off the construction paper tube to see that the penny had disappeared!

Explain that the trick to the illusion is the white piece of paper attached to the bottom of the drinking glass. No one could see it because it’s the same color as the white paper.

**Ask:** What does Jesus’ first miracle of turning water into wine show us about God’s power and care for us?

