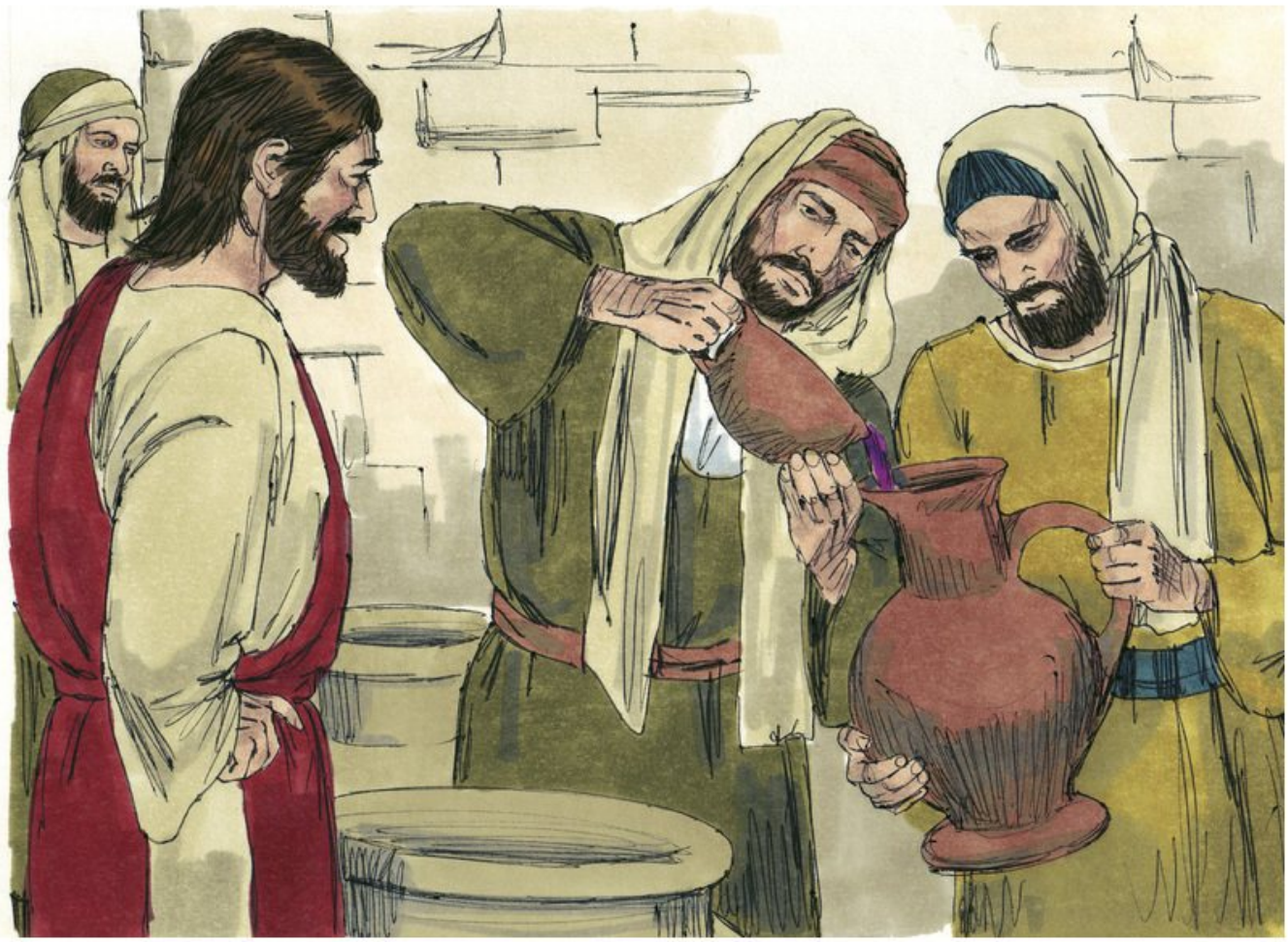
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A Wedding in Cana

John 2:1-11



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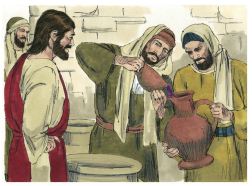
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A Need at the Wedding

John 2:1-11



There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. The account begins in a celebration rather than a place of illness or public teaching. A wedding brings people together to share joy, and this gathering became the setting of Jesus' first sign in John's Gospel. The people present did not all understand what they were about to witness.

During the celebration, the wine ran out. Jesus' mother told him about the shortage. She did not give a long explanation of how it had happened, and John does not tell us who was responsible. Her words named the need as it stood. We can follow the story without inventing an argument among the hosts or guessing every feeling of the people serving the meal. The shortage itself is the detail given.

Jesus answered his mother by speaking about his hour, which had not yet come. His reply showed that his work would follow a purpose beyond simply doing whatever another person requested. Mary then told the servants to do whatever he instructed. The account moves from her noticing a need to the servants listening for his direction. She did not give them a secret recipe or claim that she herself would solve the problem.

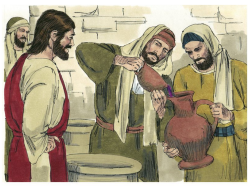
Nearby stood six large stone water jars used in Jewish purification practices. They were containers for water connected with washing, and each held a substantial amount. Jesus told the servants to fill them with water. They did so, filling the jars right to the brim. The action is concrete and simple: water was carried and poured until the vessels were full. The servants' next instruction would take them from filling the jars to serving something from them.

Remember: Jesus' works help us see who he is.

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A Sign That Reveals Jesus' Glory

John 2:1-11



Jesus told the servants to draw some out and carry it to the person in charge of the feast. They obeyed. The account does not describe the exact instant or appearance of the change, so we do not need to add a flash of light or a spoken formula. It tells us the result: when the steward tasted what had been brought, the water had become wine. The servants had followed the instructions they received.

The steward did not know where the wine had come from, though the servants who drew the water knew. He called the bridegroom and remarked on the quality. Usually, he said, people served the good wine first and the lesser quality later, but this fine wine had been kept until now. His response gives the reader a view from someone who tasted the result without understanding the extraordinary source of what he was drinking.

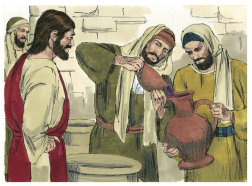
The servants had a different view. They had filled the stone jars with water and taken the drawn liquid to the steward. John makes a point of their knowledge even though he does not name them. Quiet workers were witnesses to something the person overseeing the feast could not explain. The story allows us to notice the importance of their part without inventing a separate conversation or a reward that they received afterward.

John calls this the beginning of Jesus' signs. Through it, Jesus revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him. A sign points beyond itself. The event was not included only to describe an unusual drink or a well-supplied wedding. It showed something about Jesus and invited trust in him. The passage ends with that recognition among his followers, while the concrete actions of jars, water, servants, and tasting remain the means through which the sign was seen.

Pause and think: Whose quiet work at a celebration could you notice and appreciate more thoughtfully?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Noticing the Need and the Quiet Workers



Mary noticed a need and named it. In our lives, care can begin with paying attention: someone has no place to sit, a guest cannot reach a plate, or a helper needs another pair of hands. These are everyday examples, not extra happenings at Cana. We do not have to know how every problem will be solved before we can tell a responsible adult that something needs attention.

The servants did work that could be easy to overlook. Carrying water and following instructions mattered in the account. Think of the people who prepare, clean, organize, or serve at a gathering. A thoughtful thank-you can recognize their contribution. Their value does not depend on receiving public attention. The story gives readers a reason to look at the workers as well as the people sitting at the feast.

John calls the event a sign of Jesus' glory. The focus is not a promise that every celebration will be kept from disappointment or every shortage miraculously removed. It is an invitation to recognize who Jesus is. As you read, consider how the ordinary actions make the extraordinary result clear and how the disciples respond with trust.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

The sign at Cana revealed Jesus' glory through a practical need and the work of attentive servants.

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Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What did the servants put into the jars?

2. What did this sign show the disciples?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ The servants fill the stone jars with water.
- ☐ The water becomes wine, revealing Jesus' glory.
- ☐ The wine runs out at the wedding.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the six stone water jars at Cana.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

Jesus' works help us see who he is.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: John 2:11

A thoughtful conversation

The passage says wine, so the retelling does too. This sign is about Jesus' identity and is not an invitation for children to drink alcohol. Explain the wedding setting simply if asked.

Activity answers

1. Water, all the way to the top.
2. Jesus' glory, and they believed in him.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 2, 3, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

Jesus, help us notice your goodness and respond with trust. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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