

# Water into Wine

Lesson: Jesus and His Disciples were invited to a Wedding

- How many of you have ever been to a wedding?
- During a wedding a bride and a groom come together and are married.
- They invite their friends and family to be there.
- They used to have weddings a long time ago (during Jesus' time) too.
- Jesus and His Disciples were invited to a wedding at Cana in Galilee.

Jesus' mother, Mary, was there too!

- You remember Mary, Jesus' mother.
- Mary was invited to the wedding as well.
- She was there along with Jesus and His Disciples.
- Mary is an important part of this story.

During the Wedding Feast, they ran out of wine.

- Wedding feasts back then usually lasted several days.
- During the feasts, the families of the bride and groom would stay together and eat and drink together.
- It was considered very important to have enough food and drink for everyone who was at the celebration for all those days.
- But at this celebration, they ran out of wine! (Uh oh!)
- Mary came to Jesus and told Him.
- Jesus said to her "Woman, why do you involve me? My hour has not yet come."
- But Mary told the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

Jesus performed a miracle: He turned water into wine.

- There were 6 big stone water containers sitting there.
- Jesus told the servants to fill them all up with water.
- They filled them all the way up (20-30 gallons each!)
- Then He told them to dip out of one of the containers and take it to the Master of the Feast.
- When the servants took him the cup, it was full of wine!
- It was the best wine of all!

His Disciples believed in Him!

- Jesus would do other miracles later, but this was the first one He did.
- The only reason He could do a miracle like this was that He was the Son of God!
- Jesus' Disciples were there and they saw what happened.
- His Disciples believed in Jesus!

**Scripture:** John 2:1-12 New International Version (NIV)

**2** On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

<sup>4</sup>"Woman,<sup>[a]</sup> why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup>Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, <sup>9</sup>and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup>and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

<sup>11</sup>What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

<sup>12</sup>After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

#### **Question Time:**

- 1. Who was Jesus' mother?**
- 2. What was the occasion for this miracle?**
- 3. Was this the second miracle by Jesus?**
- 4. Why did he turn water into wine?**
- 5. Do you know what they drank wine during the time of Jesus? Answer:  
Many people know that most water was not clean to drink. Wine was a clean drink. The alcohol killed off the germs in the liquid. It made it safe to drink.**

**Next Steps:** Ask you mother for some powdered mix that will turn water into a flavored drink. This is similar to what Jesus did, except his actions were a miracle from God.