

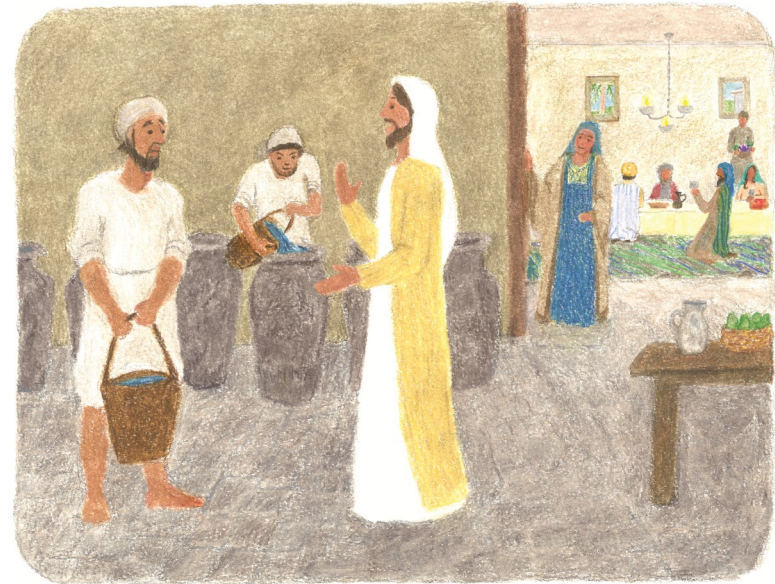
# 12. The Marriage at Cana

*The Word of the Lord: The New Testament for Young Children*

## Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a) This was the Lord's first miracle. In the spiritual sense it illustrates the universal idea that the Lord can turn natural truth (water) into spiritual truth (wine in our minds). You don't have to tell children that, but mention that the first miracle the Lord did was at a wedding.
- b) We don't know why the Lord said His time was not yet come, because He went ahead and did the miracle.
- c) Note that the servants listened to Mary and were most helpful. They didn't say to Jesus, "What are you asking?" or "Why would we take water to the ruler of the feast?"
- d) The ruler said that bridegrooms usually serve their best wine first, because after the guests have drunk quite a bit they don't taste that the later wine is poorer. But the Lord's wine was by far the best.



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## The Lord Turns Water into Wine

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples also went to the wedding.

And when they were out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, “They have no wine.” Jesus said to her, “My time is not yet come.” So His mother said to the servants, “Whatever Jesus says to you, do it.” And there were six large waterpots of stone nearby. Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the top. Then Jesus said to them, “Take out some now, and take it to the chief of the feast.” And they did so.

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made into wine, he did not know where it came from. But the servants who got the water knew. Then the ruler called the bridegroom and said to him, “Every man at the beginning of a wedding puts out the good wine and keeps the not so good wine for later. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

This was the beginning of the miracles Jesus did showing His glory. And Jesus’ disciples believed in Jesus.

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