

General Church Education



The Marriage at Cana

John 2:1-11

Lesson 19

Jacob's Ladder Religion Lessons

Introductory Level: The Lord Is Our
Heavenly Father

For ages 5-6 years

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OVERVIEW OF THE STORY

Jesus' first miracle was turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana which is in Galilee. He performed miracles to strengthen the faith of the simple good people.

CONCEPTS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

- ❖ The six water pots of stone in this story represent general teachings from the Word.
- ❖ We first need to study and meditate on these teachings. This is like pouring the water into the pots.
- ❖ When we use the knowledge from the Word in our daily life, we are "drawing out water". Making use of what we know turns this water into wine.
- ❖ Wine represents spiritual truth. It brings the warmth of love to our souls.
- ❖ It was no accident that this first miracle took place at a wedding. Marriage represents the union of good and truth in use. This means putting the true ideas that you know into use in your daily life. This miracle demonstrates how the Lord can transform our lives if we follow Him.

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IMPORTANT IDEAS FOR CHILDREN

The Lord has all power, so He can do miracles.
This was the first miracle the Lord did on earth.

LET'S REMEMBER:

- ♦ **What is a disciple?** (A student or learner.)
- ♦ **Last time we learned how Jesus began to gather some disciples around Him to teach them the truth about heavenly life. How many disciples did Jesus have?** (Twelve.)
- ♦ **What job did the first disciples have before they followed Jesus?** (Fishermen.)
- ♦ **How did the disciples feel about following Jesus?** (They left everything to follow Him and learn from Him.)
- ♦ **Where did Jesus preach and teach?** (In synagogues, by lakes, on mountains, anywhere people gathered to hear Him.)
- ♦ **What did He do for those who**



OUR STORY FOR TODAY:

Do you remember what a miracle is? (A wonderful thing done by the Lord.)

This story is about the Lord's first miracle during His life on earth. It happened at a wedding.

Have you ever been to a wedding?

What happens at a wedding?



Yes, it is the religious ceremony that takes place when a man and woman who love each other very much become husband and wife. A wedding is a wonderful celebration. Every bride and groom puts a lot of thought into their wedding. They want every detail to be lovely because it is such an important time in their lives. There is usually a party afterwards with special food and drinks. Family and friends want to help them celebrate. The bride and groom want to provide the best food and drink to celebrate with their family and friends.

Once the Lord went to a wedding with His mother and His disciples. They were all friends of the bride and groom. This wedding took place at a town called Cana, in Galilee, not far from Nazareth

where Jesus grew up. At the feast afterwards, they ran out of wine to drink. His mother, Mary, knew Jesus' power and asked Him for help.

At this time people stored drinking water in huge stone pots. See if you can remember how many water pots were in this story and what happened to the water in them.



Read **John 2:1-10**.

How many water pots were there? (Six.) What did the Lord tell the servants to do? (Fill them with water.) What happened when the water was poured out? (It became wine.)

Yes, Jesus turned the water into wine, the best wine of the party. The master of the feast was surprised. What a miracle! This was the first miracle that the Lord performed during His life on earth. He was



able to do miracles because He has all power. He created everything in the beginning and He constantly takes care of all He created.

Why do you think the Lord performed miracles? We will find the answer in verse 11.



Read **John 2:11**.

“Manifested” means “showed.” He showed His glorious power so that His disciples believed in Him.

Jesus did many more miracles in the years that followed. He showed His power so that all good people could believe in Him or have faith in Him. The leaders of the people were jealous that so many people followed Jesus. They did not like Jesus for this reason and tried to put doubts about Him in the minds of the people. In spite of these attempts, the people continued to flock to Jesus. His disciples gradually began to see that His power came from heaven.

When we hear stories from the Word, we learn about the Lord's miracles as well. In this way we can believe in the Lord and make our faith in Him stronger too, just like the disciples who were with Him then.

WHAT DID WE LEARN TODAY?

- ♦ **What is a miracle?** (A wonderful thing done by the Lord.)
- ♦ **What is a wedding?** (The ceremony when a bride and groom get married.)
- ♦ **What did Jesus tell the servants to put into the large water pots?** (Water.)
- ♦ **What happened when the water was poured out?** (It became wine, the best wine of the feast.)
- ♦ **How would you feel if you had seen this miracle?**
- ♦ **Did Jesus do a lot of miracles after this one?** (Yes.)
- ♦ **Seeing the miracles helped the good people believe in the Jesus, but now did their leaders feel about it?** (They were jealous because so many people followed Jesus.)

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ACTIVITIES



Recitation: Learn the recitation by heart and earn an award. Awards are on the last page of this lesson.

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.

Matthew 7:24-27



Project choices:

Water into Wine project
Color a picture of the wedding at Cana



Songs:

Praise Ye Our Father—Listen or download at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-praise-ye-our-father/>

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us—Listen or download at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-savior-like-a-shepherd-lead-us/>



Additional Activities:

- ❖ Watch a wedding online or go to a wedding.
- ❖ Show children wedding pictures. Talk about what happens at weddings and the happiness surrounding these occasions.

Water into Wine

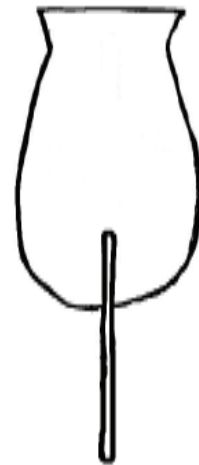
This project illustrates the miracle of water being changed into wine.

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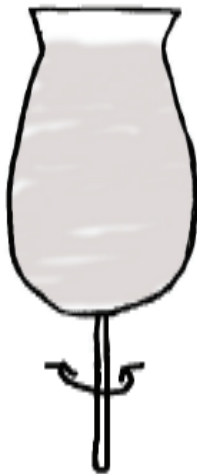
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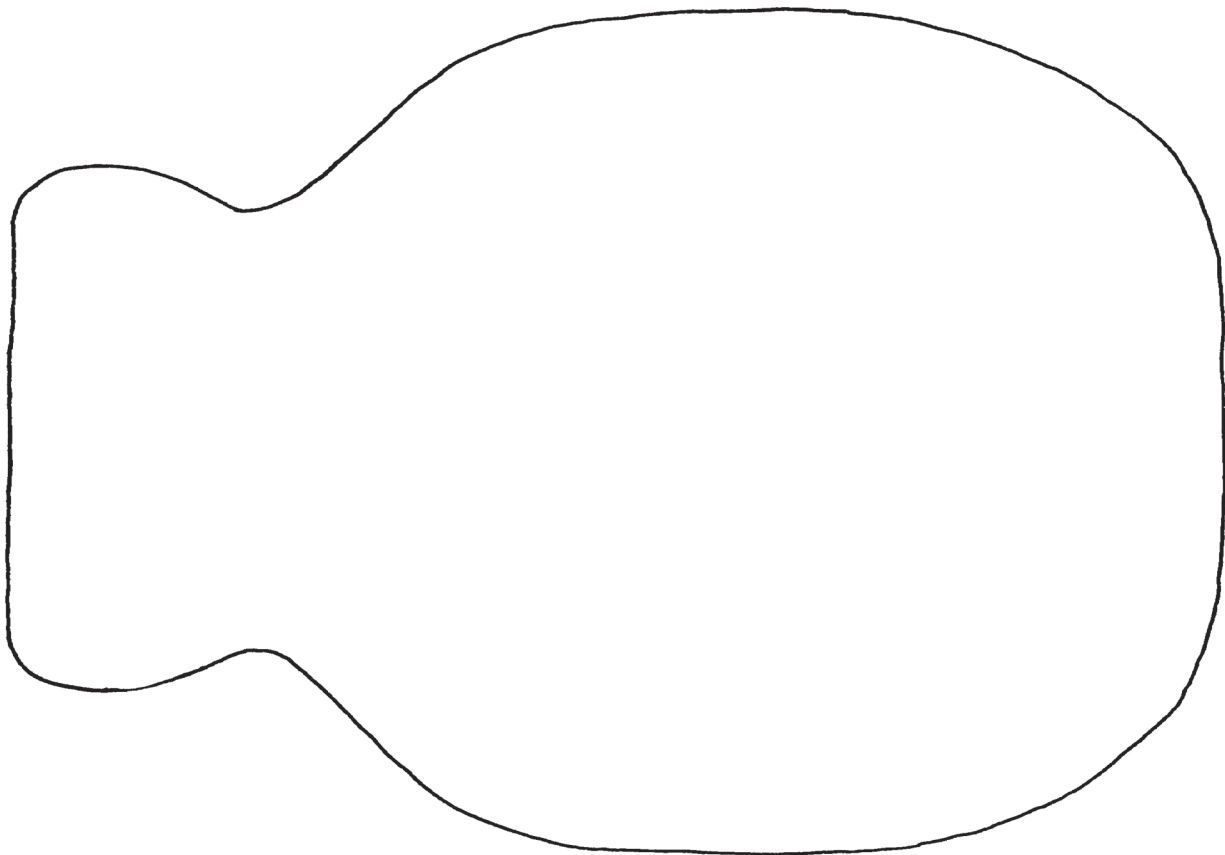
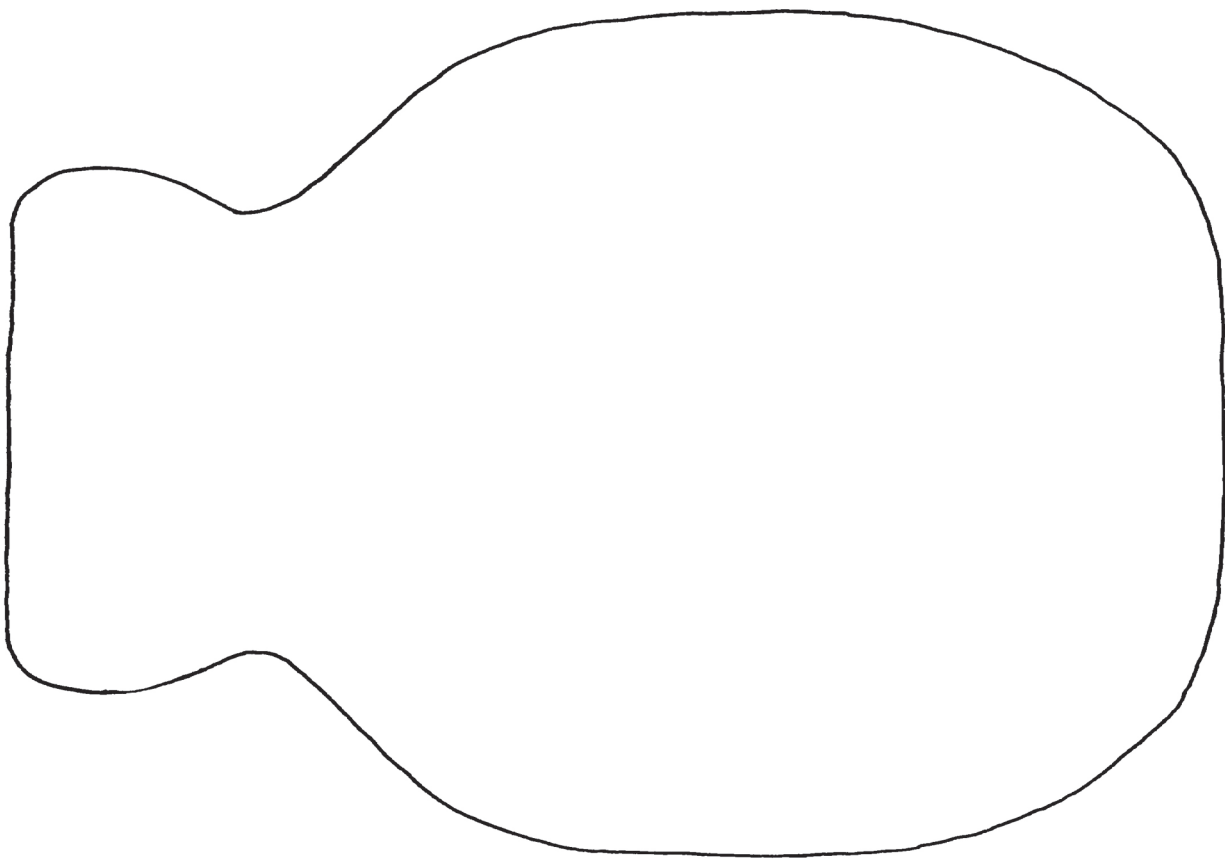
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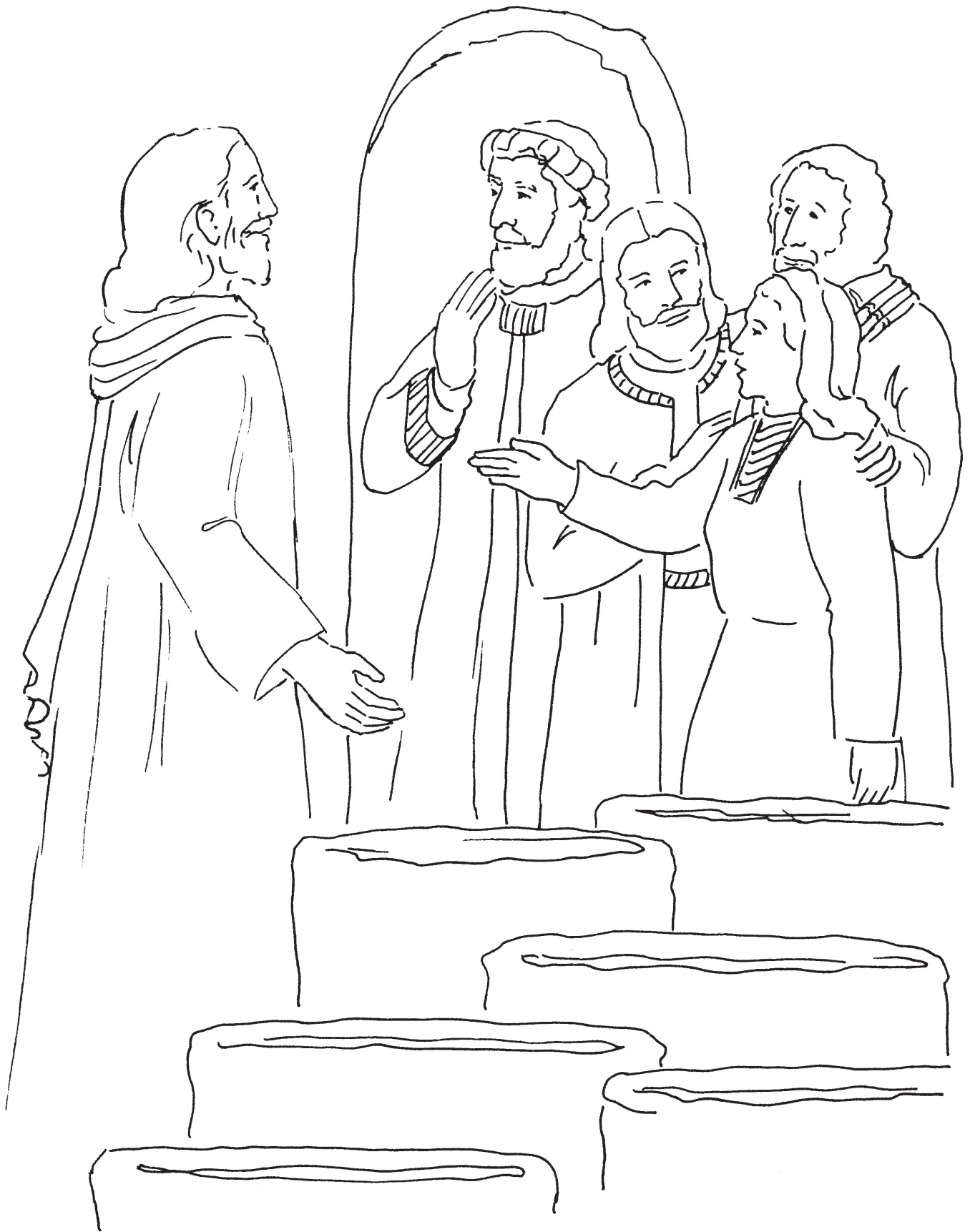
1. Paint one of the printed jars light blue to look like water.
2. Paint the other printed jar red to look like wine.
3. When the paint has dried, cut out both jars.
4. Glue the unsharpened pencil to the back of one of the jars shown.
5. Glue the other jar, face up, on top of the bottom jar and pencil.
6. Once all the glue has dried, you can tell the story of the first miracle as you turn the jar from the water side to the wine side as a demonstration.



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Recitation Award: The Marriage at Cana

Purchase a wide colorful ribbon. Attach each recitation award to the ribbon as it is learned. Multiple copies of the award are provided for classes.

