

The wedding at Cana



Based on John 2:1-11.

Introductory Activity

Teaching point: Jesus did something that no one else could do because He is the Son of God.

Bring an envelope with a wedding invitation inside. Open it excitedly wondering what it could be. Say that it is an invitation. Ask if they have ever received an invitation? Maybe it was to a birthday? Tell the girls that it isn't a birthday invitation - it's a wedding invitation! Ask the girls if they have been to a wedding and if they enjoyed it. Tell the girls that you just love weddings! Perhaps bring out items used or seen at a wedding (A dress, a veil, flowers, new hat or shoes) or show photos of some of the leaders' weddings?

You could let the girls dress up if you have a dressing up box or send a note home the previous week requesting the girls bring or wear their own dressing up outfit.

Story

Our Bible story today is about a wedding. The wedding was in a town called Cana and lots of family, friends and neighbours had been invited to celebrate with the bride and groom. In fact, Jesus was invited to this wedding, along with his friends and his mum, Mary.

The wedding was great until Mary noticed that something was wrong! She turned to Jesus and said "Oh no! They have run out of wine." Mary wanted Jesus to do something to help!

Jesus said, "My dear mother, why are you asking me? It's not the right time for me."

Mary wasn't really listening and instead she called the servants over. She pointed to Jesus and said, "Do whatever He tells you."

There were six big stone jars sitting against the wall. Jesus told the servants to fill them with water. The servants did just what Jesus said. They filled them up to the brim with water. *(Demonstrate how the servants filled up the jars. Have a clear jug of water and pour it slowly into an opaque bowl which has some red cordial in it. Don't let them see the red cordial of-course!)*

Then Jesus told the servants to take a cup to the man in charge. So they drew out some water... *(Dip a cup into the water)* and took it to the man in charge.

Oh dear the servants were going to be in big trouble when their boss tasted that water! But ... When he drank it he said *(take a sip from the cup)* "This is the most delicious and best wine I have ever tasted."

Wine? Did he say wine! The water had been turned into wine! *(Take a clear glass and reveal the now red juicy water.)*

Wow! How did that happen? How did Jesus do that? *(Explain that our demonstration was diluting juice but Jesus didn't do a trick or magic.)*

Jesus did something that nobody else could do! Jesus did something that was impossible! It was the first miracle that He did and He was able to do it because He is the Son of God!

Prayer

Dear God You are amazing and You can do things that no one else can do. Help us to listen to Your Son, Jesus and follow Him. Amen

Craft

You will need: water into wine template, split pins, colouring pencils, scissors.

Download the 'water into wine' spinner template from the leaders' section of the GBNI website in the Resources and Ideas folder under Bible Teaching. Cut out the templates and follow the instructions on the downloadable sheet. Colour in the water and the wine and place the split pin in the centre between the two pieces of paper. This is a great craft to visually illustrate to the girls how one minute the jars were filled with water then when Jesus prayed they were turned into wine.

Play

Dress up - get the girls to dress up for a party. Create a wedding dressing up box or ask girls to come to GB dressed for a party.

Activity page

The activity sheet this week has a picture of a big jar. The girls are asked to colour the jar on the outside and then at the top to colour the content's of the jar with wine.

