

John 2:1-11 Jesus turns water into wine

Tell the story: Have you ever been to a wedding? Or a big party? Today's story happened when Jesus was at a wedding. You might like to read the story from a Bible story book or use the simple version below. You could use some small world figures or some props to tell the story - water, glasses, jug, buckets - you could even dress up as if you were at a wedding!



Jesus had been invited to a wedding in Cana. It was a large wedding and there were many guests, Jesus' friends had been invited too.

But something dreadful happened...

All the wine ran out - completely - there wasn't a single drop left and people were still thirsty!

Jesus' mother whispered to Jesus, "They haven't got any more wine,"

"Why are you telling me?" asked Jesus.

Jesus' mother knew that he could do amazing things so she said to the servants, "Jesus will help. Do what he says."

Over by the door there were 6 enormous stone water pots. Jesus asked the men to fill all 6 water pots full of water.

Then Jesus asked the men to do something odd - to dip a cup into the water pot, and ask the host to taste it.... (The pots were usually filled with water which people used for washing themselves - you would never drink the water from those jars!)

And even more amazing, when the host tasted the water, it had turned into wine! It was the best wine anyone had ever tasted.

Chat together:

I wonder what the servants thought when Jesus asked them to fill the water jars?

I wonder what the servants thought when they saw that the water had turned into wine? I wonder what you would have said if you had been there?

I wonder why you think Jesus turned the water into wine?

Make together:

Everyone will need a small square or rectangle of silver foil. Now see if you can make it into a cup shape like a wine glass.

The best way to do this is to roll the foil into a tube and then twist one end to make the stalk of the wine glass, flattening out a bit at the bottom so that it can stand up.

Why not pour some water into each cup to see if they actually work? Probably best to do this over a tray or in the garden!

Keep your little cup to remind you that Jesus is interested in us and he wants the very best for us.

Pray together:

I wonder how knowing about what Jesus did in this story will make a difference to you?

Jesus didn't just change the wine into cheap wine but the very best wine; he is kind and good and he cares about what is happening in our lives.

Spend a minute thinking about the little things that worry or bother you.

Play a game of Jenga and every time you take out a brick tell Jesus about one of the little things that worries or bothers you; you could ask him to help you too.

When you place the brick on top of the tower tell Jesus something that you are thankful for. (If you don't have Jenga you could just use some blocks or Duplo to build a tower as you pray together)

Finish with this prayer or one of your own:

Thank you Jesus that you care about each one of us. Thank you that you are interested in the little and big things in our lives. Thank you that you want the very best for us. Amen

Extra ideas:

How much wine?

I wonder how much water one of the stone jars in the story would have held? It may have been around 100 litres! And there were six of them. Can you imagine how much water and wine that was?

Find a variety of different containers e.g. a tea cup, a mug, a water bottle, a milk bottle, a bucket and so on.

Do you know how much 1 litre is? Have a look at the different containers and see if you can guess. Which do you think would hold more or less than 1 litre?

You could try measuring the water as you fill the bath tub tonight - ask a grown up to help with this - I wonder how much water is needed for your bath? Does this help to imagine how much wine the six stone jars held?

Jesus didn't provide just a little bit of extra wine but an abundance of wine! Isn't God amazing that he provides for us too in so many ways? Don't forget to say thank you to him for all his goodness to us!

Water play

You could play some games in the garden filling pots or buckets with water, maybe have a race to see who can fill some cups or pots the quickest without spilling any water. Don't forget to use the water wisely when you've finished. Don't drink it - maybe water some plants!

Colouring picture

You could print off the picture below or why not draw a picture of Jesus at the wedding?

