Miracles of Jesus: water into wine

Chat together:

Have you ever been to a big party or a wedding? What did you enjoy most when you were there?

Jesus went to a wedding with his friends - let's find out what amazing thing happened when he was there!

Watch: https://youtu.be/7plJa_qnVug an animated version of events!

Read the story from the Bible in John 2 verses 1-11

Chat together:

I wonder what surprises you most about this story?

I wonder what the servants thought when Jesus asked them to fill the water jars and then saw that the water had turned into wine?

In houses back in those times, there were big stone jars full of water that people used for washing themselves - you would never drink the water from those jars.

I wonder what you think God might be saying to you through this story?

Is it that Jesus is kind and cares about all aspects of our lives? Or maybe that we can talk to Jesus about the problems our friends have and ask him to help them? Or maybe God is saying something different to you. Spend a bit of time thinking about the story - imagine you were there - what did you see, hear, feel?

Pray together:

At the wedding party when the wine ran out, it was Mary, Jesus' mother who found out that the wine had all gone. She knew that couldn't solve the problem so she went to Jesus trusting he could help. And we can do the same.

Spend a few moments thinking about the needs and problems you see around you - maybe a problem at school or people who are hungry - maybe something you



need or are worrying about. Just like Mary, we can look to Jesus to meet our needs and the needs of others around us.

Draw an outline of a wine glass and write some of the things that you have thought about in the wine glass.

You might like to pray your own prayers about what you have written or you can say this prayer:

Thank you Jesus that you care about each one of us. Please help us and the people in the situations we have thought of; just like you helped at the wedding. 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

To do together: 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?

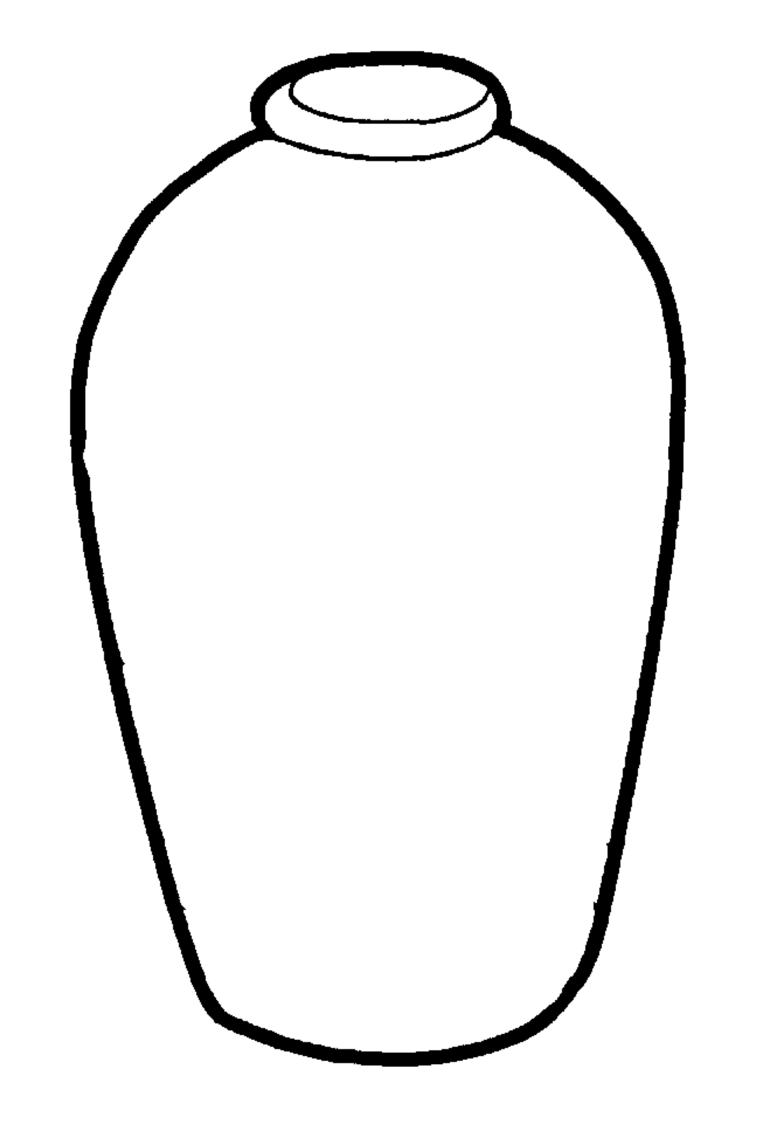
You could try measuring the water as you fill the bath tonight - check with a grown up first! - I wonder how much water is needed for your bath? Does this help you to imagine how much wine the six stone jars held?

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!

Draw and decorate a stone jar

Draw a picture of one of the water jars and decorate it, either with colouring pencils or by sticking paper on to it in a pattern.





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