# It's a Miracle! (John 2:1-11) Children's Sermon Lesson on the Wedding at Cana

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**Main Objective:** While on Earth, Jesus did a lot of amazing miracles. The first one we read of in the gospels was a transformative act that kept a party going! In the story of the wedding at Cana, we notice that Jesus cares about all things, even our own human enjoyment of life. We also recognize that Jesus continues to work miracles in our lives, in ways large and small. This lesson uses a simple drink mix illustration to introduce children to the power of our Savior.



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**Law/Gospel Theme:** The miracles of Jesus demonstrate that He truly is the son of God, capable of anything and everything. We see many amazing miracles of healing power and life transformation through Christ's miracles. In this event, we see the transformation of a drink. We also see the power of following instructions. Jesus told the servants to fill jars with water, and that simple act of obedience enabled His miracle. We can be vessels of God's Will when we listen to Him and do as He says.

**Optional Materials:** Water, drink mix, water glass(es)

Bible Passage: John 2:1-11

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**Message:** Note: As with most messages, the details of how you choose to communicate this are adaptable and should cater to timing as well as to your audience and student needs.

## John 2:1-11 Children's Sermon: Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

Greet children and discuss what happens when we make mistakes...

#### Hello, children of God!

Have you ever seen a miracle? Do you know what a miracle is? It's something that just shouldn't be physically possible. It might even seem sort of like a magic trick. I want to show you a little trick now. I'm going to take this ordinary water (*hold up water in a clear glass or bottle*) and transform it into something new! Does that sound strange? Just watch. I mean, I like drinking water and all, and it's great for hydration, but sometimes it can be a little boring. Sometimes I want something more exciting and flavorful. Well, what if I took this plain boring water, and I poured it into another glass? (*As you speak, pour the water into another clear cup with drink powder hidden at the bottom. Watch as the liquid and powder blend to make a new juice*.) Wow! It's something completely new now! This will be a much more interesting beverage to enjoy.

Well, that was not exactly a magic trick or a miracle, was it? In fact, that was just the trick of a little drink powder in the bottom of a glass. But there are a lot of times in the Bible when we read of Jesus doing amazing miracles. He did things to help people that may have been impossible. Yet nothing is impossible with God's help! Do you know the first miracle that Jesus ever did? He transformed water, too! Only He didn't use drink mix. You see, Jesus was at a wedding, and in those days weddings lasted a few days and included a lot of eating and drinking in celebration. Well, something unfortunate happened: the wedding ran out of wine! That would be like going to a birthday party and not having any cake. It would make the host look bad, and make the guests a little upset.

Now, running out of wine might not seem like the most important thing to be concerned about, but Jesus's mother Mary knew that He would care, and that He could do something about the situation. She came to Jesus and told Him what was going on. At first, He tried to tell her it wasn't yet His time to be demonstrating God's power. But Mary believed in Him. She knew He could do anything, and she told the servants to obey His instructions and do whatever He told them to do. Jesus told the servants to fill some large jars up with water, and serve it to the master of the house. They did what He asked, filling the jars with water. Only instead of plain water, when they served the master, he drank wine! Not only that, but the best kind of wine, and he commended the groom for saving the better wine for later in the celebration. With the belief of Mary and obedience of the servants, Jesus kept the guests well supplied!

This miracle, the first one we read about in the Bible, reminds us of a couple of special things. First, it tells us that God truly cares about our lives, even the little details. He wants us to enjoy life, and even something like running out of drinks matters to Him. We also see how important it is to trust that Jesus can do anything. Do you know what else is awesome about this story? This was not the last miracle Jesus did! He did a lot of amazing things during His life on Earth, but did you know He continues to do miracles now? When you think about it, there are many marvelous little miracles that happen every single day. Even just waking up in the morning or taking a breath are miracles in a sense. Jesus is still present with us. He loves us and cares about us. He can make amazing things happen in our lives. Whether it's something as simple as finding your favorite flavor at the ice cream store, or healing after being hurt or sick, God is working in every aspect of our lives. And He's already done the greatest miracle, conquering death to pay for our sins! So we can give thanks each and every day for all of the moments, big and small, in which we recognize the presence of Christ.

Let's pray and thank God for marvelous miracles every day...

#### Prayer:

(Have kids repeat each line) Dear God, Thank you for every day miracles And for caring about everything we do Help us to listen to you and do your will Please help us to trust and obey Thank you for your love We love you, God! In Jesus name, Amen!

### Bible Verses/story to Reference:

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. 3 When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." 4 And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." 5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of

the feast." So they took it. 9 When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." 11 This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him. <u>-John 2:1-11</u>

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