

Parent Bible Study

Jesus Turned Water Into Wine

John 2:1-12

Jesus' ministry had begun. He called disciples and traveled to the region of Galilee. Jesus spent His time on earth teaching and performing miracles, preparing for His ultimate mission: to die on the cross for the salvation of sinners. Jesus' miracles were signs that pointed to greater truths about who Jesus is and why He had come.

John 2 records Jesus' first miracle at a wedding in Cana. Jesus' mother told Jesus that the wine had run out. Culturally, running out of wine was a big deal. Weddings were important events, and the celebration could last a week. To run out of wine was a social disaster. But Jesus responded in a surprising way: "What has this concern of yours to do with Me, woman? My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4).

To understand Jesus' answer, remember that Jesus' miracles were not an end unto themselves. They were signs, pointing to something greater. When the wine ran out, Jesus turned water to wine to show that He is the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus offers us something greater than wine—Himself. Jesus is the true vine. On that day, His hour had not yet come. Jesus knew what lay ahead; to give us Himself, He would shed His own blood by dying on the cross for our sin.

When Jesus' disciples witnessed His miracle, the jars of wine were not the focus of their awe and wonder. Through the miracle, Jesus displayed His glory and His disciples believed in Him. Jesus was driven by His Father's plan—not to simply solve the problem of lacking wine, but to solve the deepest problem we face, the problem of sin.

As you teach preschoolers, point them beyond Jesus' miracles to see Jesus for who He is. Jesus performed miracles to help people believe that He is the Messiah, the Son of God. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus provided what we need most—forgiveness and eternal life.