



IDC KIDS

May 3, 2026

8:30am & 11:15am

JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE

JOHN 2

CHRIST CONNECTION:

By turning water into special grape juice, Jesus showed His glory. Jesus is God's Son who came to do God's plan. Jesus' disciples saw the miracle and believed in Him. Jesus calls us to believe in Him too.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:

1 John 3:5

STORY POINT:

Jesus showed His glory.

LEARN

GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON.

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

- Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY	Raise your hand if you like cake! I love cake, too. Many people have cake on their birthdays. Cake is often a fun part of a wedding. The bride and groom cut the cake and then everyone gets to have a piece! It would be so sad if they ran out of cake before everyone could get some! In today's story, Jesus was at a wedding. They probably didn't have cake at this wedding, but they did have special grape juice. And sadly, they ran out of juice before the party was over! Let's listen to hear what happened next.
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2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 2s in room 114: You will need to open the divider with 113 for bible story time.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to open the divider with 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline on the next page.



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TEACHING OUTLINE

LOW-TECH ALTERNATIVE TO VIDEO

GREET PRESCHOOLERS WITH A SMILE

As preschoolers arrive, sing a song with motions to engage and welcome them like Jesus, Loves Me or He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. Lead motions enthusiastically and encourage preschoolers to join you. Help the preschoolers think through what it means to worship God.

READ 1 John 3:5

SING *Take Away Sins* our [memory verse song](#). Scan the qr code to find it.



STORY SCRIPT

Jesus' mother, Mary, went to a wedding in Cana. Jesus and His followers—the disciples—were there too. When the guests drank all the special grape juice, **Mary told Jesus, "The special grape juice is all gone."** **"What does this have to do with me?" Jesus asked.** "My time has not yet come."

Jesus' mother told the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

Nearby, there were six stone water jars used for washing. Jesus told the servants to fill the jars with water. The servants filled them to the very top.

Then Jesus said, "Now take some out and give it to the host of the feast." The servants did what Jesus said.

When the host drank it, the water had turned into special grape juice. He didn't know where the juice came from, but the servants knew.

The host went to the groom and said, "Everyone sets out the best grape juice first. Then, after everyone has had enough, they bring out the other grape juice. **But you have saved the best for now!"**

This was Jesus' first miracle. He showed His glory, and the disciples believed in Him.

Story Telling Tips

- **Add drama:** When you get to the part where the host tastes the water-turned-to-wine, lower your voice to a dramatic whisper. Lean in close and say, "But the host didn't know where it came from... only the servants knew." This creates immediate tension and focus without needing a single prop.
- **Can you hear it:** Ask the kids to get involved by being the "soundtrack" to the story:
 - **The Pouring:** Have them make a "glug-glug-glug" sound and motion when the servants fill the jars with water.
 - **The Surprise:** On the count of three, have everyone make their best "surprised face" and say "Whoa!" when the host realizes how good the "juice" tastes.

CHRIST CONNECTION

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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY (OPTIONAL)

Ask the following review questions:

- a. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
- b. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
- c. What miracle did Jesus perform in today's story? *(He turned water into special grape juice.)*
- d. Why did Jesus's mother tell the servants to do what Jesus said? *(She knew Jesus was able to do miracles because she knew He was God's Son.)*
- e. Should we do what Jesus says? How can we know what Jesus says? *(Yes, we should do what Jesus says, and we can read what Jesus said in the Bible.)*
- f. **Did Jesus ever sin? No, Jesus never sinned.**

SAY	<i>When Jesus' mother realized that the wedding had run out of special grape juice, she told the servants to do whatever Jesus said. They followed Jesus' instructions and filled six jars full of water. When the host drank it, he tasted special grape juice instead of water. Jesus showed His glory by performing His first miracle.</i>
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4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY	<i>Our new big picture question is, Did Jesus ever sin? Do you know the answer? No, Jesus never sinned. Because Jesus never sinned, He died for our sin, in our place, and rose again from the dead.</i>
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5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at **1 John 3:5**. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage.

SAY	<i>One way that Jesus showed Himself as God's Son was by performing miracles, like turning water into special grape juice. Because we know Jesus is God's sinless Son, we can trust in Him to save us from our sins.</i>
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HINT: You can play the [memory verse song](#) or replay the Verse Video on the TV under [Pre-K Discipleship](#) called **Take Away Sins**



6. PRAY

SAY	<i>Jesus, You are God's Son. You give us what we need. Thank You for meeting our greatest need by rescuing us from our sin. You died for our sins and rose again because You love us. We worship You. Amen.</i>
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ACTIVITIES

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH BELOW

1. FILL CUPS

Form teams of four to six kids. Give each team six empty cups. Place a large bucket of cotton balls across the room. Instruct one child from each team to race to the bucket, fill his cup to the top with cotton balls, and race back to his team. Direct the next child in line to repeat the process with an empty cup. Continue the relay until one team fills all six cups to the top. (Note: Turn the game into a cooperative challenge by setting a timer and encouraging all teams to work together to move the cotton balls as quickly as possible.)

SAY	<i>In today's story, Jesus told the servants to fill six jars to the top with water. When the host tasted it, he found that the jars were filled with special grape juice! Jesus showed His glory with this miracle, showing He is God's Son. If we trust in Jesus and ask Him to forgive us, He will forgive our sins and give us life with God forever</i>
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2. COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents. Check diapers and change if they are dirty then release children by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

Take Away Sins (1 John 3:5)

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