

Children's Church at Home 24 January 2021 Epiphany 3

The miracle at Cana. John 2:1-11

Craft ingredients: paper or light card, pens, scissors, pritt stick or a rectangle of kitchen foil, about 10 cm by 20cm.

First: do you like fizzy drinks? Hot chocolate, with sprinkles and marshmallows and a chocolate flake? What's your favourite? Now think about what people drink at weddings. There are usually speeches and a toast or two. What do you need for a toast? (No, not bread! This is different!)

Story: John 2:1-11

[John 2:1-11 ERV - The Wedding at Cana - Two days later - Bible Gateway](#)

Video: https://youtu.be/7plJa_qnVug

Think: have you ever been to a wedding? What was it like? There's some sort of service or ceremony, either in a church or a registry office, or somewhere else, like a hotel or a country house. In Australia they have weddings on the beach sometimes! That must be wonderful! Then there are photographs of all the important people, bride and groom, family and friends, bridesmaids and page boys. And sometimes there's music and dancing too. The food's really important, isn't it? and the wine. Do you know what weddings were like at the time this story took place? They might have lasted a whole week! The whole village would come and there would be a great feast. So it would be a disaster if the wine ran out. Jesus' Mum, Mary, was really worried. And she knew that he could put things right. But he wasn't so sure that he wanted to start the whole business of doing miracles, letting people see that he had superpowers, and beginning to tell people about who his Dad was and all that. Well, he did. He told the waiters what to do. And the man in charge was amazed, the wine was the best! The water jars held a lot of water; there would have been litres and litres of wine. No-one else knew what he had done, only Mary and the waiters. It's so exciting to do something nice for someone and keep it a secret, you know. Jesus showed respect for the groom's family, and everyone had a great time. This was Jesus' first miracle and it made a party go well. Isn't that wonderful?

Craft: make a water jar picture or a foil wine glass!

Activity: a memory game. One player puts 10 objects on a tray and covers with a cloth. Uncover for 15 seconds and other players try to remember everything on the tray. More tricky than it seems!

Or, if you are allowed, make a treat for someone. A cake? A cup of tea? An 'afternoon tea'? Or offer to help with the chores at home.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you so much for making the wedding at Cana a success! Thank you for listening to us when we ask you for help and that you know how to make things better for us. There are lots of people who need your help now and we would really like your help for the people we are thinking of now. (pause to name aloud or in our heads). Oh, and it's terrific that you enjoy parties too! Amen.

The Grace: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen.

