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Here are some activities you could do together as a family. Begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

# Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together a story about Jesus turning water into wine.

You can find it in your Bible in:

#### John 2:1-11

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your family.



Scan the QR code above for more family learning and fun!

# A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Jesus' first miracle and the way it gives us a "sign" to see who you are and what you came to do--the One and Only Son, sent from God to show us God's love and grace.

Help us to seek God Sightings--in nature, in the people we encounter, and in our Bibles--so that we, too, might notice the signs that not only help us see You, but also see Your grace at work in the world. And then, help us to be like those first disciples and believe.

Amen.

# Discussion

#### Questions for adults to ask children

What kind of event was Jesus attending when He performed His first miracle?

A wedding feast

What was Jesus' first miracle?

Turning water into wine

One odd thing about this story is how quietly it took place. Only the servants and Jesus' followers knew what Jesus did. Why do you think Jesus did the miracle this way? What was the result?

Jesus knows we are drawn to the sensational and spectacular. And so we end up focusing on the miracles themselves instead of the Person doing them! Verse 11 tells us that this miracle had the desired result of sharpening the focus of the disciples upon Jesus, and because of it, they believed!

#### For the adults

Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding. Share a positive wedding experience with your kids, whether your own or someone else's, and explain why it is such an unforgettable memory.

# Family Activity 1

You will need: 3 varieties of similar things (e.g. three types of fruit/fruit juice, three types of candy, etc.); Optional: Blindfold

Have each person close his/her eyes (or use blindfold) and taste the three different items, voting on which one they like best. Talk about how the man in the story tasted the wine and discovered that Jesus had made the best wine ever!





## A verse to remember

### John 2:11

#### "So in Cana of Galilee Jesus did his first miracle. There he showed his glory, and his followers believed in him."

John 20:30-31 tells us why John wrote his gospel and included amazing events like what happened at the wedding feast in Cana: so that we "may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God" and "by believing...have life through His name." To learn this verse together, come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

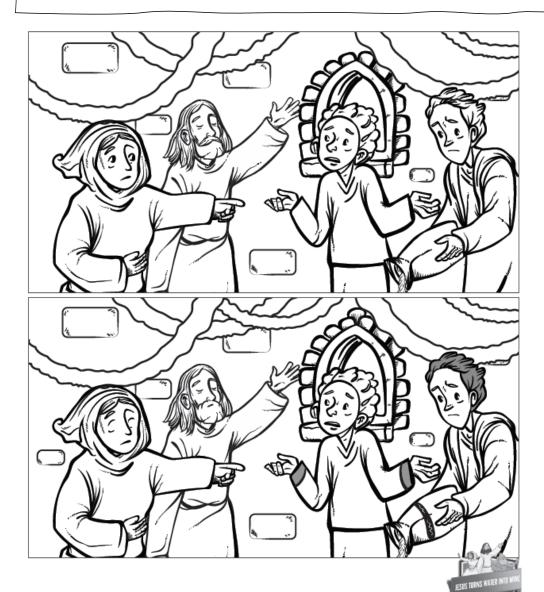
# Family Activity 2



Water Relay

You will need: non-breakable cups (the same size), large non-breakable pitcher, bucket full of water

Place a bucket full of water on one side of the room (outdoor would be even better). On the other side of the room place some plastic cups. Give one person the empty pitcher and have them walk over to the bucket, fill it with water, and return to put water in the cups. Repeat until all the cups are full. If more than one person is playing, you could turn it into a competition. Who can fill all their cups the fastest?





Can you spot 8 differences in the two pictures?

# Coloring Page



Jesus has the waiters fill six jars with water and bring a drink to the headwaiter. The water is now wine.



Across 2. When the master of the party drank the wine he said, "I am surprised that you chose to save the best for

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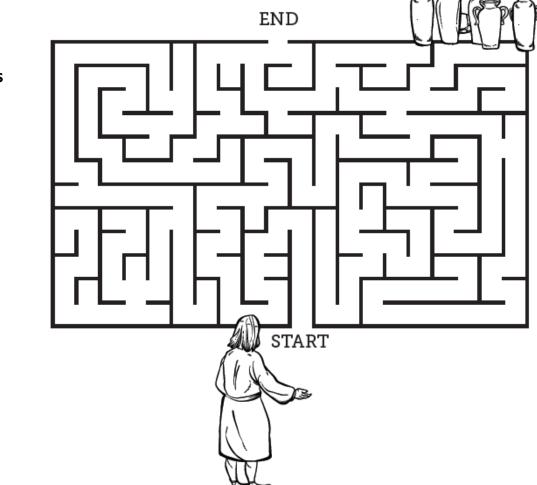
- Witnessing what Jesus had done, made the disciples understand that he was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.
- 5. How many stone jars were there?
- What festive occasion was being celebrated at the party? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Jesus told the servants to "Fill the jars up with \_\_\_\_\_
- When Jesus turned the water into wine, it was his very first \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Only the \_\_\_\_\_, disciples and Mary saw the miracle.
- 6. If the wine ran out, the celebration would abruptly \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What was the main beverage served at the celebration?



#### Lead Jesus to the stone jars of water, so he can turn them into wine.