

## **Children and family talk for 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

Good morning everyone!

Have you ever been to a wedding? What do you remember about it? The people? The ceremony or the food? Maybe you had some fun with relatives or friends at the party afterwards?

Today we are looking at a wedding Jesus went to. But something went wrong. Let's read about it now:

Our reading today is from John 2 verses 1 to 11.

### **The Wedding at Cana**

**2** Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. **2** Jesus and his followers were also invited to the wedding. **3** When all the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

**4** Jesus answered, "Dear woman, why come to me? My time has not yet come."

**5** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you to do."

**6** In that place there were six stone water jars. The Jews used jars like these in their washing ceremony. Each jar held about 20 or 30 gallons.

**7** Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled the jars to the top.

**8** Then he said to them, "Now take some out and give it to the master of the feast."

So the servants took the water to the master. **9** When he tasted it, the water had become wine. He did not know where the wine came from. But the servants who brought the water knew. The master of the wedding called the bridegroom **10** and said to him, "People always serve the best wine first. Later, after the guests have been drinking a lot, they serve the cheaper wine. But you have saved the best wine till now."

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

So they ran out of wine!

Big mistake at a wedding – adults tend to expect wine to be served at weddings and in those days, they didn't drink much else as tea and coffee hadn't been invented yet. What would they do? Well, as we read, Jesus' mum stepped in and asked Jesus to sort out the problem. She already believed in him, she'd watched him grow up and something made her believe Jesus could solve this problem. He hadn't done any miracles before; this was his first we are told.

Mums are quite good at believing in us when no one else does, aren't they?!

Why this miracle at a wedding though? We have to look back at what had happened before this to see the possible reason. The day before this happened, Jesus had met his first disciples who had begun to follow him. These were Andrew, Simon, Phillip and Nathanael. They were there at the wedding with him and would have seen him perform this miracle, turning the water into wine. And it says in verse 11 'And his disciples believed in him.'

A wedding is a celebration filled with joy – what better time for Jesus to do his first miracle! Our God is a loving, wonderful God who loves to see us happy and joins with us in the celebrations of life and love.

Let's talk to God now;

Lord God,

we are all part of your family,

we are all loved by you.

Thank you for the extraordinary gift we are to each other.

Help us not to forget that.

**Amen.**

Let's finish by saying the grace together:

And now may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ (Hold out your hands as if receiving a present)

The Love of God (Cross your hands over your heart)

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit (hold hands together)

Be with us all, now and for evermore, Amen. (Bring thumbs together).

If you'd like to, go to this link:

[https://youtu.be/Yopo6DvV9Z8?list=PLGOIQuX191CahA0rWCCy2VUzKV\\_rrFG\\_w](https://youtu.be/Yopo6DvV9Z8?list=PLGOIQuX191CahA0rWCCy2VUzKV_rrFG_w)

And sing along with the actions to 'Nothing's too big'.

Below is the link for the activity sheet from Roots.

[activity-sheet-16-january-2022.pdf \(rootsontheweb.com\)](https://www.rootsontheweb.com/activity-sheet-16-january-2022.pdf)