LESSON 2

JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE



Aim: **To teach the children how Jesus showed by his actions that he is the Son of God.**

Scripture Reading: **John 2:1-11**

Memory Verse: **John 1:1 (Complete the verse.)**
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Presenting the Lesson

Starting point

Talk about weddings, especially about the preparation of the food. A wedding is often arranged to take place only when the family can afford the cost of the feast. The women meet to decide who is responsible for what part of the preparations. On the day of the wedding they get up very early to make sure the food and everything else is just right.

Main Points of the Lesson

1. Jesus went to a wedding with his mother Mary and his disciples. During the festivities Mary noticed that they had run out of wine – the normal drink at a Jewish wedding. That was a terrible thing (2:1-3).
2. Mary reported the problem to Jesus. The answer he gave her made it seem as if he was reluctant to help. Jesus wanted to make it clear that he would never use his power for selfish enjoyment; he would follow the instructions of God the Father and no-one else. Mary accepted that, so she just told the servants to carry out any orders Jesus might give them (2:3-5).
3. Tell how Jesus instructed the servants to fill the large stone jars with water and let the master of ceremonies taste it (2:6-9).
   You can let the class act this scene. Let them all be servants, with you as the master of ceremonies. Show surprise when you taste the good wine.
   Show Picture 2. Do you notice the guests shown through the window?
4. The master of ceremonies was delighted, because it was very good wine. He did not know where it had come from. He called the bridegroom and congratulated him on the excellent wine (2:9-10).
5. But the disciples, the people Jesus had called to follow him, and Mary knew that it was Jesus who had turned ordinary water into the best wine.

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Our Response to the Story

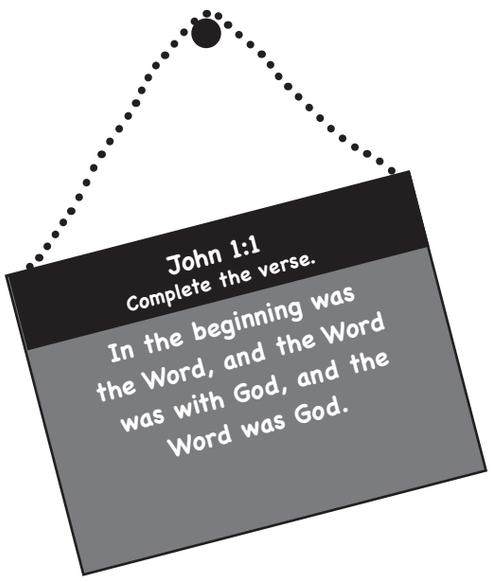
We can't turn water into wine. No ordinary person can. With this miracle Jesus showed that he is God.

It made the disciples believe in him as they had seen his power at work. Jesus wants us, too, to believe in him and see his power at work in our lives, conquering sin.

Instil the Memory Verse

This verse tells us that Jesus is God.

Note: Find a time during each Sunday school session to review the whole memory passage as far as it has been learnt. You might do this just before the new verse is taught.



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