

Minster Virtual Junior Church,

Sunday January 24th 2021

Welcome!

- Hello everyone, and welcome again to our online Junior Church.
(Vincent speaking!)



- Let's start by thinking about each other, as if we were going round the circle hearing how each of us is. Sadly, there are no services at Southwell Minster at the moment because of coronavirus. Even the boys and girls of the choir are staying at home. So we pray for people at home.



- Your family could light a candle.

Today's lesson is about Jesus going to a wedding, and showing that he really was **God's special son**.

The Wedding in Cana

We are going to read about the wedding that Jesus went to. It was in a little town near his home called Cana.

First, older children should read the verses direct from the Bible printed below. Younger children could leave this out.

John, chapter two, verses one to eleven

¹ There was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.

³ When the wine had given out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They are out of wine."

Activity Box

Have you been to a wedding? Yes No

If you have, what can you remember?

Who do you think are the most important people at a wedding?



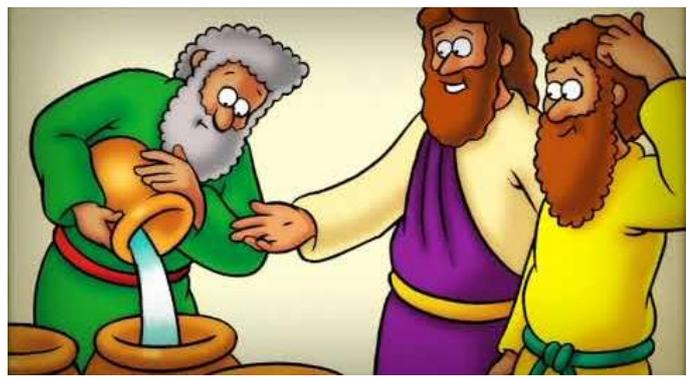
4 "You must not tell me what to do," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."



5 Jesus' mother then told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 The Jews have rules about ritual washing, and for this purpose six stone water jars were there, each one large enough to hold between twenty and thirty gallons.

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." They filled them to the brim, 8 and then he told them, "Now draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast." They took him the water, 9 which now had turned into wine, and he tasted it. He did not know where this wine had come from (but, of course, the servants who had drawn out the water knew); so he called the bridegroom 10 and said to him, "Everyone else serves the best wine first, and after the guests have drunk a lot, he serves the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now!"



11 Jesus performed this first miracle in Cana in Galilee; there he revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

Then one of you - or a grown-up - should read the Bible passage below, and you are going to provide the sound effects!

Prepare beforehand:

- o a bowl half full of water
- o two small cups to scoop water from the bowl
- o two glasses for clinking together

Where you see a **, make the right sound.

Jesus sorts out a problem at a wedding

Mary and Jesus and Jesus's friends were all invited to a wedding at Cana, which is a town in Galilee.

When they got there the wedding music was playing cheerfully**. All the guests were chatting and laughing together **. There was plenty of delicious food to eat ** and wine to drink **.



Then a terrible thing happened (gasp). They ran out of wine (gasp). Mary went and whispered to Jesus and then she whispered to the servants **, telling them to do whatever Jesus told them to. Mary knew that Jesus would be able to help.





Jesus told the servants to fill the water pots with water, and the servants did as he said **. The wedding music carried on playing cheerfully**, all the guests went on chatting and laughing **.

None of them what the servants were doing. Then Jesus told the servant to go to the chief guest and pour out some of the water as wine **, and they did as Jesus said.

He clinked glasses with his friends ** and drank the water. But it wasn't water anymore! It was top quality delicious wine! (gasp). It was the best wine he had ever tasted (gasp). As the wedding music played on ** and the guests chatted and laughed **.



Mary and the friends of Jesus smiled. This was the first of Jesus's miracles, and they had seen it happen. (Everyone claps)

So what do we learn from the happiness at the wedding at Cana?

- Jesus really was someone special. He really did show them what God is like.
- God wants us to be happy.
- God can change sadness into happiness.
- God can make ordinary things much better.

Thinking Box

Is there anything in your life which is a bit sad or dull?

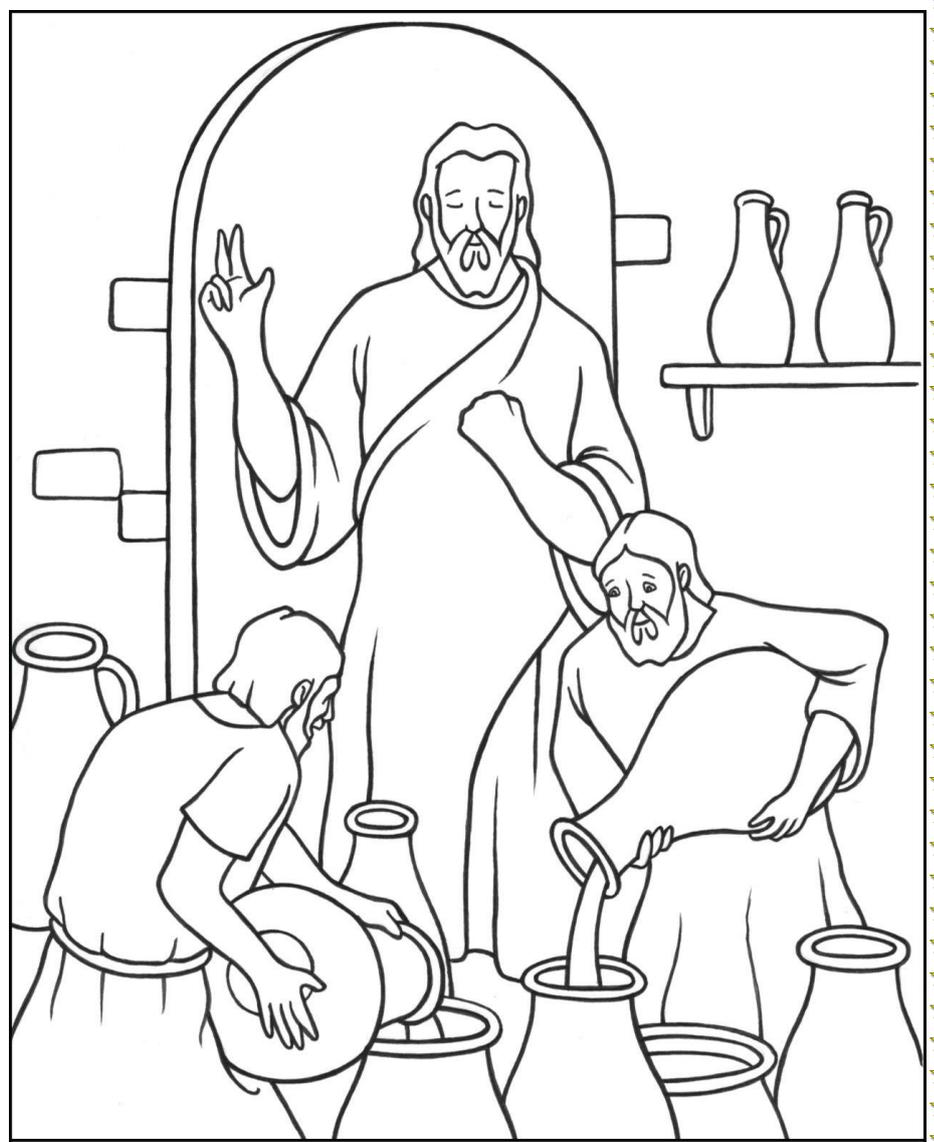
Write a prayer to God, asking him to make life brighter and better.

On the last page is a word-search and a picture to colour in. Enjoy!



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WEDDING	CANA	MOTHER
WINE	SIX	STONE
JARS	THIRTY	GALLONS
BEST	STEWARD	BRIDEGROOM



A Prayer to finish

Lord Jesus,
 whenever I don't know what to do
 or how to cope,
 remind me to listen to you
 and do whatever you tell us to.
 Help us to bring happiness
 to other people,
 just as Jesus did at the wedding.
 Amen,

Jesus says: 'Fill the jars with water.'