

Miracles 1: Water into Wine

The Wedding at Cana: John 1:31 –49; 2:1- 11

Warm up game: I went to a party and I took
Each person repeat the list of items taken, then add their own, to see who can remember them all in the right order.

Warm up activity. Snacks – but are there enough??! What happens if the snacks run out. How does it feel to be one of the ones without chocolate? What about those who have chocolates: are you going to share? Or keep them to yourself? What effect does it have on the group when there's not enough to go around?!

Read and Discuss: John 1:31 –49; 2:1- 11

1. "Come and see," said Philip. What did the disciples and the other people at the wedding see? Remember this is the first time that they have seen and watched Jesus. They know very little about him. What do they (and we) learn about Jesus from this passage?

Eg.

- God! More than mortal – able to empathise with us as humans, but able to do so much more too.
- The one the Old Testament/prophets point to
- Just beginning. There is more to come . . . (My time has not yet come)
- Compassionate, cares for us
- Our provider, who looks after us
- Speaks with authority. Things happen.

- 2 Does Jesus provide for us today? How? .
Share Corrie Ten Boom story of the vitamin drops, which she was reluctant to share when imprisoned in Ravensbruck in WW2. She wanted to keep them for her sister, who was ill, but knew that God wanted her to share them. And when she did, she found there were more left in the bottle!

What was Corrie's problem? How did she respond to what God wanted her to do? (Obediently) How did the servants respond to Jesus and Mary's request (Obediently) Why? Because we can trust Him to know and to do what is best for us. What was the outcome? (Abundance) Corrie found that no matter how

many people she shared with, there were still more vitamin drops. The servants at the wedding who trusted Jesus find not just that He turned water into wine, but that it was better than the wine that the groom had provided.

2. In verse 3, Mary saw that there was a problem – the wine had run out. What did she do? Did she stop to think about it? Did she worry about it, or try to come up with a solution herself? Or did she take it straight to Jesus?

That gives us a clue as to what we should do, whenever we see a problem. But are we observant, and do we always take what we see straight to Jesus?

Take 5 minutes to think back through your day, and to write down on the back some of the things you have seen today, which you could take to Jesus. Were you worried about something this morning? Do you know someone else who was? Did you see someone looking sad, or angry today? Think through each lesson and the people you saw: friends and people you don't know well; teachers as well as students.

We can take those problems still to Jesus in prayer. See if you can think of 5 things or people from your day to jot down on the back – from home? From the news? From your lessons? Remember, nothing is too big, or too small to share with Jesus in prayer.

Before school? At home or on the news? In the world?

Travelling in?

Lesson 1

Lesson 2 and 3

Lunchtime

Lesson 4 and 5

After school

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).⁴² And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter, the rock^{a1}).

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel"

2 The next day^{a1} there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration.³ The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

⁵But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons.^{b1} ⁷Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled,⁸ he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.⁹ When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over.¹⁰ "A host always serves the best wine first," he said.

"Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

¹¹This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

A. "Come and see", said Philip. This was the first time that many people had seen and watched Jesus. Think! If you knew nothing about him at all, what would you learn about Jesus, from watching him or reading about him, at the wedding at Cana?

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