

## Jesus Turned Water to Wine

**Bible Passage:** John 2:1-12

**Main Point:** Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine.

**Key Passage:** John 20:31

**Big Picture Question:** Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to glorify God and prove He is God the Son.

### Leader BIBLE STUDY

Jesus' ministry had begun. He called disciples and traveled to the region of Galilee. Jesus spent His time on earth teaching and performing miracles, preparing for His ultimate mission: to die on the cross for the salvation of sinners. Jesus' miracles were signs that pointed to greater truths about who Jesus is and why He had come.

John 2 records Jesus' first miracle at a wedding in Cana. Jesus' mother told Jesus that the wine had run out. Culturally, running out of wine was a big deal. Weddings were important events, and the celebration could last a week. To run out of wine was a social disaster. But Jesus responded in a surprising way: "What has this concern of yours to do with Me, woman? My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4).

To understand Jesus' answer, remember that Jesus' miracles were not an end unto themselves. They were signs, pointing to something greater. When the wine ran out, Jesus turned water to wine to show that He is the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus offers us something greater than wine—Himself. Jesus is the true vine. On that day, His hour had not yet come. Jesus knew what lay ahead; to give us Himself, He would shed His own blood by dying on the cross for our sin.

When Jesus' disciples witnessed His miracle, the jars of wine were not the focus of their awe and wonder. Through the miracle, Jesus displayed His glory and His disciples believed in Him. Jesus was driven by His Father's plan—not to simply solve the problem of lacking wine, but to solve the deepest problem we face, the problem of sin.

As you teach kids, point them beyond Jesus' miracles to see Jesus for who He is. Jesus performed miracles to help people believe that He is the Messiah, the Son of God. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus provided what we need most—forgiveness and eternal life.

## The BIBLE Story

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*John 2:1-12* (bolded text can be read as a shorter version of the story)

**One day, Jesus' mother, Mary, was at a wedding feast in Cana. Jesus and His disciples were there too. When the wine was all gone, Mary told Jesus, "They do not have any more wine."**

**Jesus replied, "What does this have to do with Me? My time has not yet come."** Jesus meant that it was not yet time for Him to be glorified, or to be worshiped and praised.

**Jesus knew what was best, so Mary said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."**

**Now there were six stone water jars at the feast** for religious washing. Each jar held 20 or 30 gallons. **Jesus told the servants to fill the jars with water. The servants filled the jars to the top. Then Jesus said, "Now take some of the water out and give it to the man in charge of the feast."**

**So they did. The man in charge tasted the water that had now turned into wine.** The man did not know where the wine had come from, but the servants knew. **He called to the groom and said, "Usually the best wine is served first.** Then, after the guests have had enough, the other wine is served. **But you have kept the best for last!"**

**This was Jesus' first miracle, and He did it in Cana, which is in Galilee. This miracle showed Jesus' glory, and His disciples believed in Him.**

After this, Jesus went to Capernaum with His mother, His brothers, and His disciples. They stayed in Capernaum for a few days.

*Christ Connection: Jesus performed miracles to help people believe that He is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus has power over everything, and those who believe in Him will have eternal life.*