

Stowmarket Baptist Church

THURSDAY BIBLE CLUB

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We hope that you enjoy this week's Bible story.

We are praying that you are all kept safe that that we can all meet up again on a Thursday soon.

Hello,

How are you today? I hope you've enjoyed doing your schoolwork at home, this week and that you have had lots of fun, too!

We are praying that you and your family continue to keep safe and we look forward to meeting up at church, just as soon as we can

Love Liz

We are planning to tell you about some of the **miracles** that Jesus did while He lived on earth. These are all written down in the Bible.

But what is a miracle? A miracle is an event or a happening that is not ordinary, in fact we say it is extraordinary. Jesus did miracles, not to show off, but that we might know who He is and believe in Him.

Today's story comes from John chapter 2 chapters 1-11 and is the first miracle that Jesus did!

¹ On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

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

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. ^[b]

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into

wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have

had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him

Jesus had an invitation to go to a wedding. I get very excited when I go to a wedding We might get new clothes, see lots of our friends and family, have a delicious meal, take a nice present for the bride and groom and sometimes we will have a special job for the day, like being a bridesmaid or pageboy.

This wedding was lovely, everyone was enjoying the time together and everyone was smiling and happy together.

Oh, but not everyone is smiling. A few of the people who were helping with the food started to look worried, they whispered together and were troubled. Was something wrong?

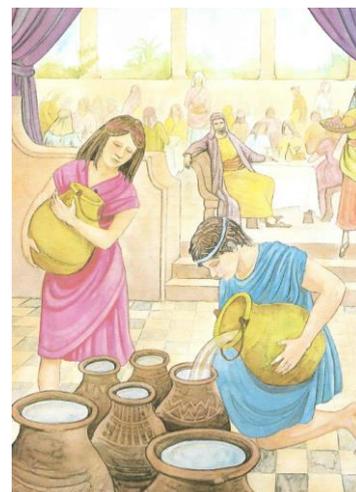
Sadly, they had not got enough wine to give to all the guests, who had come to the wedding. It wasn't safe to drink the water, so what could be done?

Mary, Jesus' mother, knew who could help. It was her son Jesus, who she knew was also the Son of God! So, she told the helpers, "talk to Jesus and do whatever He tells you".

In the house there were 6 big stone pots. They were usually full of water, so people could wipe off the dust of their journey. Now, they were empty because all of the visitors had washed their hands and feet.

Jesus said "fill up the pots with water". But was it safe to drink the water? No! and no-one wanted to drink out of the washing pots either. But the helpers filled up the pots, right to the top. It was heavy work as the pots were so big.

Remember, when we believe in Jesus, we must obey Him all the time and straight away, as He always knows best.



Jesus then asked a helper to take a glass of 'water' to the man in charge of the meal. He lifted the glass to his lips and drank. He looked up so quickly, it wasn't water, but lovely wine and wine that was lovely to taste.

Yes, Jesus had done an amazing miracle, Jesus had changed the water into wine.

Jesus' disciples looked at Jesus. He looked like them, just a man but this miracle shows that Jesus is very different. This miracle reminds us that Jesus is the Son of God.

Jesus is still changing things today. Each of us has a heart full of sin, that doesn't want to believe in Jesus. But only Jesus can forgive our sin. He died to take away our sin and if we say sorry for our sin, we can be forgiven by God. That is such exciting news and our hearts will be changed from loving sin to loving Jesus.

Dear Jesus

Thank you for showing me in the Bible, who you really are. Please change my heart so that I can love you and be like you. Lord, I have sinned, but thank you for dying on the cross and forgiving my sin.

Help me to tell others about You, so they can learn to love you too.

Please look after our friends and families this week

Amen