

PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

SUNDAY LITURGY



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 January 2022 - Year C

"The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee."

Something to Think About

Do you know what the word 'transformation' means?
What happens when something is 'transformed'?

The Story

In today's gospel story, Jesus and his disciples and his mother Mary are among the many guests at a wedding party. Everything is going well until the wine runs out! In those days, this would have been a great embarrassment for the family and the party would have ended immediately. But Jesus comes to the rescue and transforms water into wine. This was Jesus' first miracle.

The Scriptures

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

2:1-12

Mary, the mother of Jesus, was at a wedding feast in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited and were there.

When the wine was all gone, Mary said to Jesus, "They don't have any more wine."

Jesus replied, "Mother, my time has not yet come! You must not tell me what to do."

Mary then said to the servants, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do."

At the feast there were six stone water jars that were used by the people for washing themselves in the way that their religion said they must. Each jar held about twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants to fill them to the top with water. Then after the jars had been filled, he said, "Now take some water and give it to the man in charge of the feast."

The servants did as Jesus told them, and the man in charge drank some of the water that had now turned into wine.

He did not know where the wine had come from, but the servants did.

He called the bridegroom over and said, "The best wine is always served first. Then after the guests have had plenty, the other wine is served. But you have kept the best until last!"

This was Jesus' first miracle, and he did it in the village of Cana in Galilee. There Jesus showed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him. After this, he went with his mother, his brothers, and his disciples to the town of Capernaum, where they stayed for a few days.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Video

Click to watch the video: [Jesus Turns Water into Wine](#)



Group Discussion

The gospel today is really about 'transformation'. Mary simply says to the servants, 'Do whatever Jesus tells you to do'. And when people do what Jesus tells them, a transformation occurs. Not only does Jesus change water into wine, he provides more wine than the people could possibly drink. This shows the generosity of God in providing for our needs. Talk about the ways that God provides everything you need.

Praying For Others

Leader: Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world,
for those in our community and for our own needs.

Reader 1: We pray for Pope Francis and all the leaders in our Church. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 2: We pray for all who try to listen to Jesus and follow him. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 3: We pray for the sick and the suffering. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 4: We pray for a generous heart to help all people. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader 5: We pray for our own needs. Lord, hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen.

Prayer



Dear Jesus,
Thank you for coming to our help when
we are in need, and for all your generous
gifts to us.
Help us to be generous with others.
Amen.

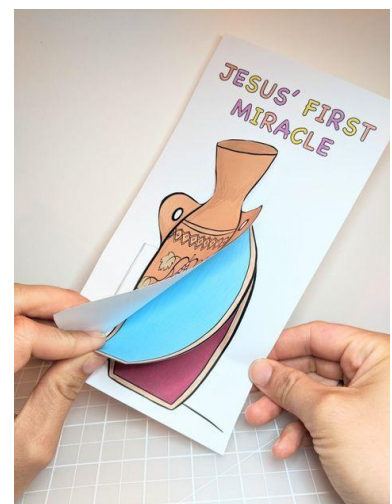
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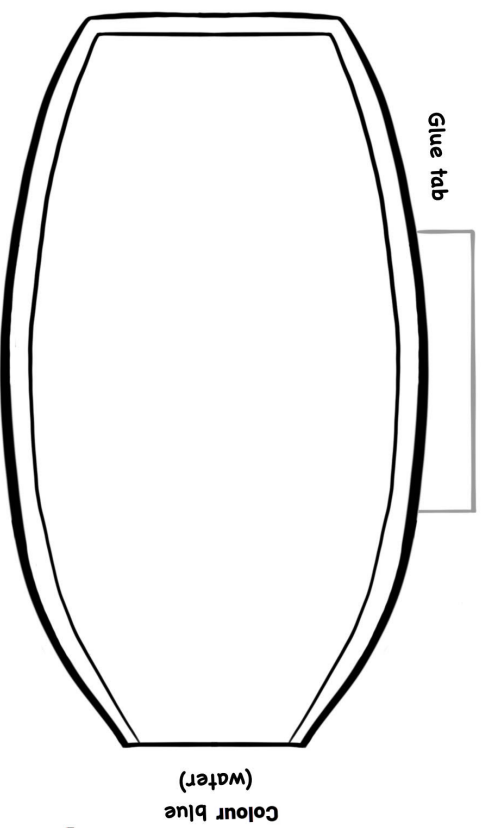
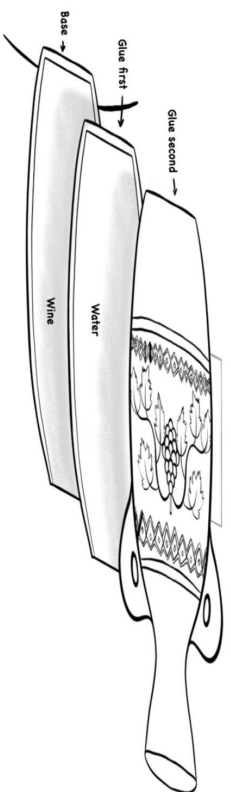
Jesus' First Miracle

Jesus changed the water into wine at the wedding in Cana. Jesus can make big changes in our lives too.

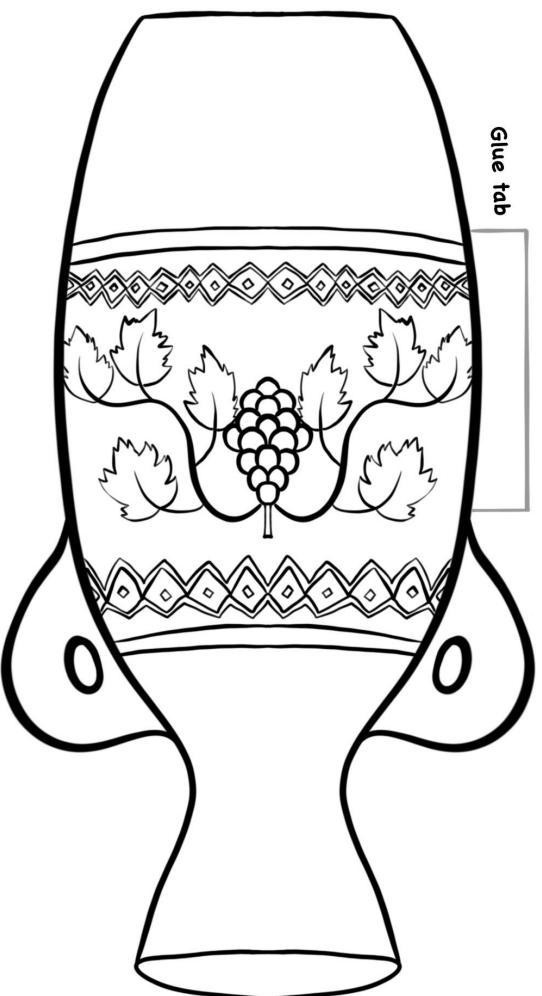
*You will need: a paper template for each child,
scissors, glue, coloured crayons or pencils.*

1. Colour in the jar, the water and the wine.
2. Starting with the wine as the base, glue the water tab on top. Then finally glue the tab from the front of the jar.
3. Children can try re-telling the gospel story while using their finished craft.

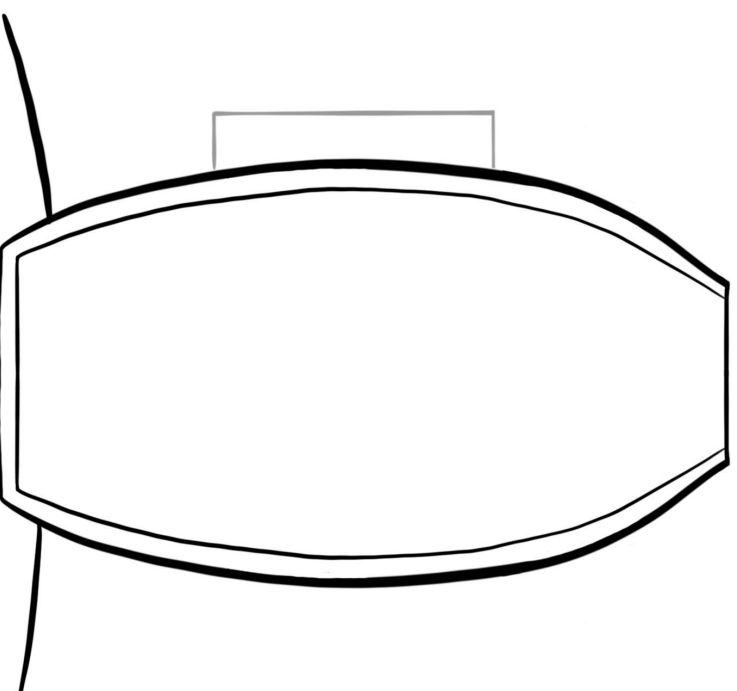




Colour red (wine)

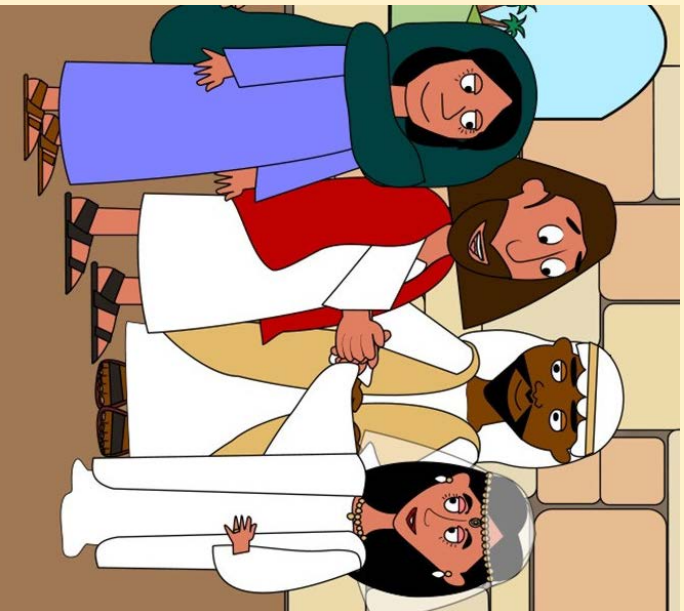


JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE





TAKE A RED PENCIL AND TURN THE WATER INTO WINE



**MARY AND JESUS
WENT TO A WEDDING.**



**PROBLEM!!
THEY RAN OUT OF WINE...**

**WHO ASKED JESUS
TO HELP THEM?**

**WHAT DID JESUS
DO?**
