

LESSON 4

JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE

LESSON AT A GLANCE

WONDER TRUTH: Jesus Shows that He Is Amazing

SCRIPTURE: John 2

GOD'S BIG STORY: Jesus and His followers are attending a wedding in Cana when the wine runs out. Jesus turns water into wine, giving a great gift to the wedding guests and revealing to His followers that He is amazing.

Object Lesson: Cup Reveal

Activity: Water Pouring

Worship

God's Big Story

Prayer and Blessing

Activity: Amazing God

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Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

Object Lesson: Cup Reveal

SUPPLIES: opaque cups (3–4); small toys such as cars, toy people figures, etc.

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church. Set out opaque cups, along with small toys like cars and toy people figures. Be sure the toys are large enough to not be choking hazards, but small enough to fit inside the cups.

Welcome! I am so glad you are here today. I have some toys that we can cover and then make reappear. Would you like to come look at them? Show the kids the cups and toys.

All these pieces help us tell a special story about when Jesus did something amazing. You can pick up these pieces to look at and play with them.

Encourage kids to hide the toys under the cups and then pull the cups off to show—or reveal—the toys. Then they can hide it again for the next kid.

Today we're going to hear that Jesus shows us He is amazing, and these cups remind us of that story!

Activity: Water Pouring

SUPPLIES: plastic bin with water, various sizes of cups (3–4), plastic pitcher, towel, food coloring (optional)

Put a towel down to contain spills and set out a plastic bin with water and various sizes of cups.

Let the kids take turns using a plastic pitcher to pour the water from the bin into the cups. You can also add a few drops of food coloring to some of the cups and let the kids take turns mixing the colors to see what new colors they can make.

In our story today, we'll hear about a time when people's cups were empty, and Jesus did something amazing with water! We'll hear about it in our story today. The story helps us know that Jesus shows how amazing He is. Let's say our Wonder Truth together.

Invite the kids to say the Wonder Truth and do the motions with you.

JESUS—Point up.

SHOWS THAT HE—Bring your arms up and out to your sides in a “burst” motion.

IS AMAZING—Clap your hands.

Worship

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: songs from the [Who Is Jesus? Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

Today we're learning about a time when Jesus showed how amazing He is!

We'll learn about something amazing that Jesus did. Let's sing and praise God together for Jesus!

Play songs from the [Who Is Jesus? Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance with you.

God's Big Story

SUPPLIES: Bible, scissors (prep only)

Wonder Ink RESOURCES: Toddler God's Big Story Cards, [God's Big Story Video](#)

Our God's big story today is about a time when Jesus did something amazing. Encourage the kids to say, "Jesus." **Let's find out from the Bible about what Jesus did.**

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the script provided.

Ahead of time, print the Toddler God's Big Story Cards and cut apart the pictures.

Some people started following Jesus as His disciples. They were His students. One day, Jesus and His disciples went to a wedding party! Show Picture Card #1: wedding bells.

Jesus' mom, Mary, was at this wedding too. She told Jesus some bad news. The drink that the grownups were having at the wedding—wine—was gone! Show Picture Card #2: an empty cup.

Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine" (John 2:3). What could Jesus do about that?

Jesus was just starting to do God's work. His close followers didn't know that Jesus would do many amazing and unbelievable things. Jesus' mom told the servants: "Do what he tells you" (John 2:5).

So what did they do next? "Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' Show Picture Card #3: a jar of water. So they filled them to the top. Then he told them, 'Now dip some out. Take it to the person in charge of the dinner' " (John 2:7–8).

When the person in charge tasted the drink the servants had brought him, it didn't taste like water—because it wasn't water. Not anymore. What do you think it was? Allow the kids to answer. Then pick up Picture Card #4: a jar of wine. **It wasn't water anymore! Jesus had turned the water into wine!**

Jesus had saved the day! Not everyone knew, but the servants knew. And Jesus' disciples knew and believed in Jesus.

What Jesus did was a miracle! A miracle is something that only God's power can do. This miracle showed how amazing Jesus is and what He can do.

This was the first time Jesus did a miracle, but it was not the last. He did many wonderful things! Just as Jesus gave the best wine, He would one day give something else: His life. Jesus is amazing! And He can do amazing things for us!



Prayer and Blessing

Let's talk to God.

Dear God, thank You for how amazing You are! Jesus can do anything. Thank You for loving and caring about us. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Encourage the kids to hold their hands out in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands were open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

Blessing: May Jesus reveal to you this week that He is amazing, and may you experience His amazing love for you!

Activity: Amazing God

SUPPLIES: disposable cup, blue pom-poms (handful)

In our story today, Jesus did something amazing—He changed water into wine! Before He changed it, Jesus asked the servants to fill six jars with water. Let's fill a cup with pretend water as we cheer for some amazing things about Jesus.

Set out a disposable cup. Say a line about Jesus, have the kids cheer, and then drop a blue pom-pom into the cup. Keep dropping pom-poms in until the cup is full. Here are some lines you can use:

Jesus ...

loves you.

made the world.

sees you.

is with you.

thinks you are special.

came to earth as a baby.

died and rose again.

loves everyone.

made water into wine.

took care of His friends.

We did it. We filled the cup! It reminds us of our story today and how amazing Jesus is!