



Jesus' First Miracle

Lesson Aim: To remember Jesus did miracles.

THE WORSHIP

Who God Is: Jesus as the God of Wonders

THE WORD

Bible Story: John 2:1-11

What He Has Done: Jesus did miracles so people would believe.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

"I will remember Your miracles." Psalm 77:11b

Unit 1: Jesus as the God of Wonders			
	Bible Story	What He Has Done	Lesson Aim
1	Jesus' First Miracle, John 2:1-11	Jesus did miracles so people would believe.	To remember Jesus did miracles.
2	Filling the Nets, Luke 5:1-11	Jesus filled the nets with fish and called His followers.	To know miracles can help people decide to follow Jesus.
3	Calming the Storm, Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calmed the wind and the waves.	To see Jesus' power.
4	Healing Jairus' Daughter, Luke 8:40-42, 49-56	Jesus healed a twelve-year old girl.	To know Jesus can heal us.
5	Feeding the Big Crowd, John 6:3-13	Jesus fed the big crowd.	To know by sharing with others, you can be part of God's miracles.

TEACHER'S ENCOURAGEMENT

This week, read John 1:1-14. Please join us in praying, "Thank You, Lord, for Your miracles. Fill the children with Your Spirit, that they may put their faith in You. Amen."

TEACHER'S TIP

Helping Children Feel at Ease

Think back to a time when you felt especially welcome as an adult or child. What was it that made you feel that way? How can you make the children in your classroom feel welcome?

- Come early so you can settle in your room before children begin arriving.
- Smile!
- Welcome each child by name as they enter the room.
- Learn names quickly and use them whenever addressing the children.
- Help the children learn each other's names.



Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Welcome	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of grapes, a wedding symbol, or the number 1
		Coloring Center: Jesus' First Miracle	Coloring pages of Jesus' first miracle, crayons
		Play-Dough Center: Miracle Grapes	Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools
		Dramatic Play Center: A Wedding Feast	Dishes, cups, napkins, play food, party supplies
		Activity Center: Miracle Match-Up	Two sets of pictures of the five Bible stories in this unit (Jesus turns water to grape juice, Jesus fills the nets, Jesus calms the storm, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter, Jesus feeds the big crowd)
	Up to 5	Prepare for Worship	None
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Praise music, optional: musical instruments Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song: "I Will Remember" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Be Still and Know" "How Wide?" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "With God All Things Are Possible" Additional Song Suggestions: "Jesus Loves Me" "My God Is So Big"
		Offering	Baskets
		Worship Illustration	<i>The Adventures of Delbert and Lello</i> puppet script or storybook: God of Wonders Unit 1, Lesson 1
THE WORD	Up to 10	Watch the Word: John 2:1-11	Teacher's Bible with bookmark at John 2:11a Visuals: Picture of the Bible story, paper party blower (If not available, use a toy that pops up, a jack-in-the-box, or a toy which would surprise the children.)
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Miracle Jar	Sturdy paper (tan, gray, or orange), purple tissue paper, label, glue
		Game: The Great Grape Relay	Purple paper, two baskets
		Game: What a Wedding!	Optional: Bible time costumes, wedding decorations
		Snack: Wedding Snack	Wedding cake or grapes, grape juice, optional: decorate the snack table with wedding decorations as suggested in the game, "What a Wedding!"
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 1, Lesson 1
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: John 2:1-11	None
	Up to 10	Game: Miracle Ball	Soft ball
	Up to 10	Game: Bible Memory Verse Dance	Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Remember"
	Up to 10	Story Time	Any story about Jesus' miracles

RESOURCES: Supplemental materials are available at ResourceWell.org.



Jesus as the God of Wonders

THE WELCOME

WELCOME

Welcome each child as they arrive. **Hello _____. I'm glad you are here! Come open the Treasure Chest to find today's treasure.** Child unlocks the Treasure Chest to receive a stamp or sticker of grapes, a wedding symbol, or the number 1. **Let this stamp (or sticker) help you remember that Jesus did miracles. A miracle is an amazing surprise from God.**

Teacher's Note: These activity centers are designed to reinforce the lesson through hands-on learning experiences either individually or in small groups with the guidance of the teacher. Choose the Bible Activity Centers that best suit the children in your class. Set up the activity centers around the room before children arrive. Allow children to move freely among them.

COLORING CENTER: JESUS' FIRST MIRACLE

SUPPLIES

Coloring pages of Jesus' first miracle, crayons

DO

Children color while talking about the story of Jesus' first miracle.

TALK ABOUT

In our story today, Jesus goes to a wedding with His mother Mary and His friends. When they ran out of drink, Jesus made water into grape juice. Do you like grape juice? (Children respond.) **What do you like to drink?** (Children respond.)

PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: MIRACLE GRAPES

SUPPLIES

Play-dough, cookie cutters, play-dough tools

DO

Children make grapes out of play-dough while discussing Jesus' miracles.

TALK ABOUT

When Jesus grew up, He did many miracles. A miracle is an amazing surprise only God can do. The first miracle Jesus did was to turn water into grape juice. Everyone was amazed. Can you make grapes out of the play-dough to remind us of Jesus' first miracle? Remembering Jesus' miracles is what our Bible Memory Verse is about. I'll say it once; then you say it with me.

**"I
will remember**

Point to self.

Your miracles."

(remember) Close fists with thumbs pointing out. Start one thumb at the forehead. Move it downward, touching thumbs in front of you.

Psalms 77:11b

(miracles) With fingers open and palms facing forward at shoulder height, move hands forward and up twice (sign for "wonders").

Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.

THE WELCOME *continued...*

DRAMATIC PLAY CENTER: A WEDDING FEAST

SUPPLIES

Dishes, cups, napkins, play food, party supplies

DO

Children play in the kitchen center as they talk about God giving us what we need.

TALK ABOUT

One day, Jesus, His mother Mary, and His friends went to a wedding. Afterward, there was a party with plenty to eat and drink. Can you set the table and prepare a meal for a party? What do you like to eat and drink at parties? (Children respond.)

ACTIVITY CENTER: MIRACLE MATCH-UP

SUPPLIES

Two sets of pictures of the five Bible stories in this unit (Jesus turns water to grape juice, Jesus fills the nets, Jesus calms the storm, Jesus heals Jairus' daughter, Jesus feeds the big crowd)

TEACHER TIP: Keep these supplies and use them for lessons 1-5.

DO

Children match pictures of some of the things God gives us.

TALK ABOUT

Jesus did many miracles. A miracle is an amazing surprise only God can do. Let's see if we can match pictures of some of Jesus' miracles. Lay the pictures on the table face down on the table. Children take turns turning over two pictures at a time. When a match is made, talk about the miracle in the picture.

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

It's time for Praise Time. Let's sing a "Clean Up Song" as we put things away. Praise children as they help clean.

**Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SIGN LANGUAGE

(For visual demonstrations, see www.signingsavvy.com)

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will remember	(remember) Close fists with thumbs pointing out. Start one thumb at the forehead. Move it downward, touching thumbs in front of you.
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Psalms 77:11b	Hold hands open, as if holding a Bible.

Adding sign language or motions to the Bible Memory Verse helps children recall what they are learning.



Jesus as the God of Wonders

THE WORSHIP

Supplies: Praise music, optional: musical instruments

Teacher Tip: To help children identify time set aside for worship, designate a special corner or area for singing, collecting offering, and watching the worship illustration. Play "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" as children move to that designated area.



Give thanks to God, because He is good to us. What can you thank God for? (Children respond.) **Let's pray and thank God for all the good things He has given us.** Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. **Dear God, thank You for all the good things You have given us. You are a mighty God. Amen.**



Our God is a great, big God. There is nothing He cannot do. Sing: "My God Is So Big" or "With God All Things Are Possible."

A miracle is something only God can do. He still does miracles today. He takes the small offerings we give and uses them to help people all over the world to come closer to God. That's a miracle! Let's be still and thank Him for the miracles He does every day as we give our offering to His church. Play: "Be Still and Know" while collecting the offering.



Let's see if our friends Delbert and Lello know about Jesus' first miracle. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: God of Wonders Unit 1, Lesson 1.



Jesus wants us to remember His miracles. Practice the verse together a few times with the motions.

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will remember	(remember) Close fists with thumbs pointing out. Start one thumb at the forehead. Move it downward, touching thumbs in front of you.
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Jesus loves when we remember His miracles and tell them to others. Then, everyone can praise Him. Let's sing our Bible Memory Verse Song. Sing: "I Will Remember."



Jesus' first miracle

THE WORD

Supplies: Teacher's Bible with bookmark at John 2:1-11, picture of the Bible story, paper party blower (If not available, use a toy that pops up, a jack-in-the-box, or another toy which would surprise the children.)

Before we begin our Bible Time, let's say our Classroom Promise with the motions.

With my eyes on my teacher;	Point to eyes.
My mouth quiet as can be,	Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
I will listen to hear,	Cup hand around ear.
How God loves you and me.	Hug self, point to others, and then self.

Let's reach deep in our pockets and pull out our listening ears. Reach in your pocket and cup your hands behind your ears as if listening.

Who likes to go to parties? (Children respond.) **I brought this party blower with me today. It always surprises me when I blow on it and it pops out. Watch.** Blow on the party blower. **Were you surprised?** (Children respond.)

Today, we will hear about another kind of surprise. When Jesus grew up, He did miracles. Miracles are amazing surprises only God can do. Let's listen and hear about the Jesus' first miracle. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to John 2:11a.



WATCH THE WORD: JOHN 2:1-11

Read the story below or retell the passage in your own words. To illustrate the story, show a picture of the Bible story from a children's Bible, the coloring page, or other source.

- **Jesus, His friends, and His mother,**
- **Went to a wonderful wedding.**
- **His mother said, "Jesus, they have no more juice."**
- **She found this very upsetting.**

- **Jesus said, "Fill six jars with water."**
- **He turned it all into grape juice.**
- **This was Jesus' first miracle!**
- **Those who saw it spread the news.**

What did the people learn Jesus could do when they saw Him turn the water into grape juice? (Miracles.) **What is a miracle?** (Miracles are amazing surprises only God can do.)



We can remember Jesus' miracles

THE WAY

Teacher Tip: Craft and games can be presented at the same time in different areas or one at a time depending on class size and teaching style.

CRAFT: MIRACLE JAR

Purpose: To remind the children the story of Jesus' first miracle.

Supplies: Sturdy paper (tan, gray, or orange), purple tissue paper, label, glue

Prepare: Cut sturdy paper into the shape of a tall stone jar. On the sticker or label, print the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse:

**"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles!"
Psalm 77:11b**

Directions:

1. **Imagine this paper jar is a stone jar filled with water. Let's say our Bible Memory Verse together as we glue the label to the paper jar.** Children attach sticker or label to jar.
2. **Let's make grapes by rolling tissue bits into grape-size balls.** Children tear bits of purple tissue paper and roll them into small balls to look like grapes.
3. **Now, squeeze the grapes and we will use glue to fill the jar with our squeezed grapes.** Children glue tissue balls onto paper jar.

Craft Discussion:

- **Where did Jesus do His first miracle?** (At a wedding.)
- **Squeezing grapes makes real grape juice. At the wedding, Jesus didn't squeeze grapes to make grape juice; He did a miracle instead. What was Jesus' first miracle?** (He changed six giant jars of water into grape juice.)
- **Keep your jar at home where you can see it to remember Jesus' first miracle.**

THE WAY *continued...*

GAME: THE GREAT GRAPE RELAY

Purpose: Children will run a relay race using grapes to help them learn the story of Jesus' first miracle.

Supplies: Purple paper, two baskets

Preparation: Crumple the purple paper into small balls (grapes), enough for each child to have a ball.

Jesus performed many miracles. What is a miracle? (An amazing surprise that only God can do.)

Directions:

1. Form two teams; each with an equal number of children. Line both teams up at one end of the playing area. Give each child a grape (crumpled ball of paper).
2. Place the two baskets at the other end of the playing area, one for each team.
3. On your signal, the first child for each team runs and drops their grape in their team's basket.
4. The goal is to be the first team to transfer all of the grapes to the team's basket.
5. Play again, as time allows.

GAME: WHAT A WEDDING!

Purpose: To help children remember Jesus' first miracle by acting out John 2:1-11.

Supplies: Optional: Bible time costumes, wedding decorations

Prepare: If possible, decorate the snack table(s) for a wedding feast.

Teacher Tip: Bible time costumes can be made from large t-shirts tied with strips of fabric for belts and scarves or strips of fabric used for head coverings.

Jesus' first miracle was changing water to grape juice at a wedding celebration. Let's act out the story.

Directions:

1. Assign roles: Jesus, Mary, servants, and the wedding host. Everyone else plays the part of Jesus' friends.
2. Jesus' friends sit at tables with the wedding host. Jesus, Mary, and the servants stand to the side.
3. Lead Mary, Jesus, and the wedding host in the conversation below.

MARY: "Jesus! Jesus! They ran out of grape juice!"
JESUS: "Servants, fill six stone jars with water." Servants pretend to fill six jars with water. Have all the children count to six together.
JESUS: "Servant, give some to the wedding host." Servant serves an imaginary cup of water to the host, but is surprised that Jesus has turned it into grape juice!
WEDDING HOST: "This is the best juice of all!"
ALL: Applaud. "I will remember Your miracles."
4. Play again, allowing children to take turns playing the various parts in the story.
5. Optional: Begin Snack Time.

THE WAY *continued...*

SNACK: WEDDING SNACK

Purpose: Children will enjoy a snack as if celebrating the wedding in Cana.

Snack Suggestion: Wedding cake or grapes, grape juice, optional: decorate the snack table with wedding decorations as suggested in the game, "What a Wedding!"

Directions:

1. Serve the snacks and drinks.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or another familiar tune.
**God our Father, God our Father. Once again, once again,
Thank You for our blessings. Thank You for our blessings. Amen. Amen.**
3. Pray. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **How can grapes or grape juice help you remember Jesus' first miracle?** (Each time we eat grapes or drink grape juice, we can remember His first miracle was turning water into grape juice.)
 - **What miracle would you like to see God do today?** (Children respond.)
 - **How might seeing a miracle help others believe in Him?** (Children respond.)



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Gather children in a circle sitting or standing and practice the words and motions.

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PRAY

Let's pray together. Say a closing prayer with the children.

PLAY

Allow children to play with selected toys or centers or choose a book to read to them.

DISMISSAL

Have children take home their coloring page, craft, and a copy of the Ponder, Pray & Play for 2-3's.



If time remains, choose from the connected activities below.

GOT TIME?

SAY & DO: JOHN 2:1-11

Purpose: This pantomime version of the Bible Story helps children remember the story details.

Supplies: None

Directions: With each phrase, the teacher says the phrase and leads the children in doing the hand motions.

- **Jesus, His friends, and His mother,** (Hold hands with others.)
- **Went to a wonderful wedding.** (Walk in place.)
- **His mother said, “Jesus, they have no more juice!”** (Show empty hands.)
- **She found this very upsetting.** (Wipe tears, as if crying.)

- **Jesus said, “Fill six jars with water.”** (Hold up six fingers in the air.)
- **He turned it all into grape juice.** (Pretend to drink from a cup.)
- **This was Jesus’ first miracle!** (Hold up index finger.)
- **Those who saw it spread the news.** (Cup hands around mouth to shout.)



BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES

“I will remember Your miracles.” Psalm 77:11b

GAME: MIRACLE BALL

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Soft ball

The Lord wants us to remember His deeds and miracles. Deeds are actions or things God has done. Miracles are amazing surprises from God. When the ball rolls to you, we’ll say our Bible Memory Verse together.

Directions:

1. Seat children sit in a circle.
2. Roll ball to first child.
3. While child holds ball, children recite or echo together with the motions: **“I will remember your miracles!”**
4. Child rolls ball to another child.
5. Repeat until all children have had a turn.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: BIBLE MEMORY VERSE DANCE

Purpose: To help children memorize and review the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse.

Supplies: Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Remember"

The Lord wants us to remember His words in the Bible. Let's dance (or move around the room) as we sing our Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Remember."

Directions:

1. Play recording of Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song "I Will Remember."
2. Encourage the children to sing, dance, and create motions to help them remember the words.
3. Optional: Periodically stop the music. Lead the children in stopping where they are and saying the Bible Memory Verse together.



STORY TIME

Gather the children and read a favorite story. This can be a Bible Story, a chapter from *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello*, or a story about any of Jesus' miracles.

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY

Unit 1, Lesson 1: Jesus' First Miracle

PONDER! Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into grape juice (John 2:1-11). What did the people learn Jesus could do when they saw what He did? (Jesus could do miracles.) Remember, a miracle is an amazing surprise only God can do.

PRAY! Pray this prayer each day this week: "Lord, thank You for Your miracles. Help us remember each one of them. Amen."

PLAY! Prepare for a special meal by decorating for a party. Have grapes or grape juice at your meal. Talk about what it would have been like to see Jesus' first miracle!

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

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