



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.

THE WAY

Whisper Verse: "He did miracles."

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

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

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."



Segment	Minutes	Activity	Supplies
THE WELCOME	Up to 15	Treasure Chest	Treasure chest, stamp or sticker of grapes, a wedding symbol, or the number 1
		Whisper Verse	Sign language for "He did miracles."
THE WORSHIP	Up to 20	Worship Sheet music and recordings for Bible Memory Verse Songs available at ResourceWell.org.	Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song: "I Will Remember" Other Bible Memory Verse Song Suggestions: "Be Still and Know" "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled" "He Is Mighty to Save" "Heal Me, O Lord" "Let Everything That Has Breath" "Praise Time: Love the Lord Your God" "We Love" Additional Song Suggestions: "Jesus Loves Me"
		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 Visual: Large stone jar
THE WAY	Up to 25	Craft: Miracle Jar	Sturdy paper (tan, gray, or orange), purple tissue paper, label, glue
		Game: Miracle Grapes	Play-dough or modeling clay, large jar
		Game: What a Wedding!	Traditional wedding props as costumes and wedding decorations, Bible times robes
		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!"
		Circle of Prayer	None
	Final 5	Final Five	Ponder, Pray & Play: Unit 1, Lesson 1 Color This Story: "Jesus Turns Water into Grape Juice"
GOT TIME?	Up to 10	Say & Do: John 2:1-11	None
	Up to 10	Game: Miracle Ball	Soft ball
	Up to 10	Game: Wedding 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.



He did miracles

THE 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. Today's Whisper Verse is "He did miracles."** Teach the Whisper Verse in spoken language and in sign language below. **We call it the Whisper Verse so you can whisper it to others.***

SIGN LANGUAGE: "He did miracles."

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

Each time we say today's Whisper Verse, let's say it with two hand motions:

- "He (did)"** The middle finger of one hand touches the middle of the palm of the other hand, then the same is repeated using the middle finger of the other hand. This action indicates the wounds in Jesus' hands after He was nailed to the cross.
- "miracles."** With fingers together and palms facing forward at shoulder height, pump the air two times. (This is the sign for "wonders" as a synonym for the word "miracles.")

Allow children to enjoy free play until everyone has arrived. **Let's sing the "Clean Up Song" as we put toys away before Praise Time.** Praise any child who helps. Allow several minutes for clean up.

**"Clean Up Song": Clean up! Clean up! Everybody, everywhere!
Clean up! Clean up! Everybody do your share!**

Gather and seat children in Praise Time area.

***Today's Whisper Verse:** "He did miracles," Psalm 78:12. The Whisper Verse is a tool to help the children learn a major point in the lesson. It is coupled with sign language or hand motions as a memory aid. The verse is not necessarily chosen from today's Bible story.



Jesus as the God of Wonders

THE WORSHIP

Teacher Tip: To help the 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.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to Jesus who is the God of Wonders. Wonders are miracles. A miracle is an amazing surprise from God. When Jesus came to earth, He did miracles. That reminds me of today's Whisper Verse. Let's try it together. Review the Whisper Verse together: “He did miracles.” Include sign language.



The Bible has many names for miracles. It calls them wonders, mighty acts, and deeds of the Lord. God wants us to remember His miracles. Let's learn our Bible Memory Verse Song about that. Sing: “I Will Remember.”

Jesus 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! We know God is the one who does miracles. 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.



The very first miracle Jesus did when He was on the earth was at a wedding. Jesus' friends and family were there. Today, we have two special friends who would like to join us. Will you help me call Delbert the donkey and Lello the lamb? Let's find out if they know about Jesus' first miracle. Perform *The Adventures of Delbert and Lello* puppet script or read storybook: God of Wonders Unit 1, Lesson 1.



What would you say to Jesus if you saw Him do a miracle? (Children respond.) God loves when we thank and praise Him for His miracles. He loves when we remember His miracles and tell them to others. Then, everyone can praise Him. Everything that breathes can praise the Lord. Sing: “Let Everything That Has Breath.”



Jesus' first miracle

THE WORD

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

With my eyes on my teacher;
My mouth quiet as can be,
I will listen to hear,
How God loves you and me.

Point to eyes.
Place index finger over mouth as quiet sign.
Cup hand around ear.
Hug self, point to others, and then self.

Last time, we learned about the star that guided the wise men to Bethlehem so they could worship baby Jesus. Today, we will learn about the first miracle Jesus did after He grew up. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to John 2:11a.

WATCH THE WORD: JOHN 2:1-11

Read the points below or retell the passage in your own words using the points below as a general guide. To illustrate the story, display a picture of a large stone jar. Other visual options include the craft sample, Color This Story, or any related picture.

- 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? (Jesus did miracles.) Our Whisper Verse tells us the answer. Let's all try whispering today's Whisper Verse to each other: "He did miracles." Include sign language or hand motions.



Had anyone ever seen Jesus do a miracle before this? (No.) Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read John 2:11a from the teacher's Bible.



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. Cut several 2-inch squares of tissue paper for each child. On a 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.** Give each child several squares of tissue paper to roll 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: MIRACLE GRAPES

Purpose: To help children remember examples of miracles.

Supplies: Play-dough or modeling clay, large jar

The Lord wants us to remember His miracles. As you make your grapes, think of a favorite miracle. Then, let's share our favorite miracles as we toss the "grapes" into the jar.

Directions:

1. Children roll their play-dough into grape shapes.
2. Children take turns tossing their "grapes" into the jar and telling of their favorite miracle. If needed, remind children of some familiar favorite miracles from the Bible. Or, children can say the Whisper Verse instead.

GAME: WHAT A WEDDING!

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

Supplies: Traditional wedding props as costumes and wedding decorations, Bible times robes

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

Let's pretend to have a wedding. Then, we will sit down to an imaginary wedding feast. Let's act out what happened at the wedding party meal in today's story.

Directions:

1. Assign roles and distribute costumes: Jesus, Mary, wedding host, Jesus' friends, bride, bridesmaids, groom and groomsmen, flower girls, ring bearers, servants
2. Direct children in acting out a traditional wedding ceremony.
3. All sit down at snack table for wedding feast (snack).
4. Lead Mary, Jesus, and the wedding host in 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.

JESUS: "Servant, take a cupful from the jar for the master." 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 wonderful juice! It is the best juice of all! Please pour some for everyone! Let's enjoy our wedding feast!"

ALL: Applaud.

ALL: "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles."

5. Distribute snack for all to enjoy.

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 snack and drink.
2. **Let's sing the "Blessing Song."** Sing to the tune of "Frere Jacques" or other 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. Lead discussion below while children enjoy their snack.
 - **Who remembers today's Whisper Verse?** ("He did miracles.") Say the Whisper Verse together with the hand motions.
 - **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.)



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

God made you and He cares for you. He loves to hear you pray with private words or words you say out loud. Let's fold our hands and close our eyes. As I lift up your name to God in heaven, I will lay my hand on your shoulder. Let's pray together.

Dear God, thank You for making us and loving us. We lift up to You a special prayer for ____, ____, ____ (read every name). We pray for our families and friends. Thank You for teaching us how to love one another. Amen.



When only 5 minutes remain, begin this segment.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

COMPLETED CRAFT: Take home your "Miracle Jar" craft. Use it to tell someone the story of Jesus' first miracle!

PONDER, PRAY & PLAY: Distribute Ponder, Pray & Play cards if available. **Show this card to your family. Talk about how much God has done for your family.**

COLOR THIS STORY: "Jesus Turns Water into Grape Juice." Discuss the Bible Story and play the Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse Song, "I Will Remember," as children color.



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 acts it out with hand motions; then repeats the same phrase and motions with the children.

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

GAME: MIRACLE BALL

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

Supplies: Soft ball for rolling

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 will say our Bible Memory Verse together and then you tell us about a miracle God has done for you or your family.

Directions:

1. Seat children in a circle.
2. Roll ball to first child.
3. While child holds ball, children recite or echo together: **"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles!"**
4. First child then tells about a deed or miracle.
5. Child rolls ball to another child.
6. Repeat steps 2-5 until each child has a turn.

GOT TIME? *continued...*

GAME: WEDDING 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 pretend we are dancing at a wedding 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" or teacher may sing without accompaniment.
2. Encourage children to sing, dance and create motions to help them remember the words.



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

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PONDER! Read John 2:1-11 with your family. Grape juice (grape wine) is made from the juice of grapes. What was Jesus' first miracle? What are some miracles you or your family members have seen or heard about?

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

PLAY! Act It Out! Have different family members pretend to be Mary, Jesus, the wedding host, and the servants at the wedding where Jesus turned water into grape juice. Talk about what it would have been like to see Jesus' first miracle!

Unit 1 Bible Memory Verse: Psalm 77:11

"I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember Your miracles."