

At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 1: Miracles of Jesus
Unit 1, Lesson 1

Jesus' First Miracle

Lesson Aim: To know Jesus did miracles to reveal His glory and bring people to put their faith in Him.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: What was the best party you have attended?

GAME: The Great Grape Relay

THE WORSHIP JESUS AS THE GOD OF WONDERS

Read Worship Scripture: Psalm 136:3-4.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform Bonzai Brothers script or read storybook.

THE WORD JESUS TURNED WATER INTO WINE

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Today, we will hear how Jesus went to a wedding in Cana where He did His first miracle. Point to Cana.

After Jesus grew up, His cousin, John the Baptist, baptized Him. Then Jesus began His ministry—that means He worked to help people know who God is and what He has done. Jesus invited Andrew, Peter, Nathanael, and Philip to follow Him. Jesus, His followers, and Mary, His mother, were all invited to the wedding in Cana. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: John 2:3-11. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: John 2:11. Pray. Read.

THE WAY WHY DID JESUS PERFORM MIRACLES?

What is a miracle? A miracle is an amazing surprise from God that can only be performed by God. Can you perform a miracle? (No, only God can perform miracles.) Can God use you in one of His miracles? (Yes, Jesus used servants, water, and six stone jars for His first miracle.)

Do you think Mary wondered how or when Jesus would provide the wine? Have you ever asked for a miracle? Did it happen how or when you expected it?

Sometimes we ask God for a miracle, but it does not come. Has that happened to you? If you pray for a miracle that never happens, does that mean God is not powerful enough to answer your prayer? (No, it means God chose a different plan—one without a miracle at that time in your life.)

The followers knew this was a miracle only God could do. Why do you think Jesus performed this miracle? (So people would put their faith in Him.) The Bible said Jesus revealed His glory. Glory is God's greatness. How might this miracle have helped the followers see Jesus as not just a man, but as God?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Thousands of years before Jesus came to earth and did His first miracle here, He did His first miracle from heaven. In the beginning, before the earth was formed, Jesus was there with God. Everything was created by Jesus and for Jesus. Listen as we read about the day He created the fruit with seeds in them—like grapes! Creating those things was a miracle. Reveal Genesis 1:11. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Do Miracle Math discussion using winemaking elements.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Jar-shaped Bible Memory Verse bookmark
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: Servants carrying six stone jars of water to Jesus
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Miracle Grapes **GAME:** Act It Out **CRAFT:** Wedding Cup

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Musical Chairs

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW