

Dear student,

This month we are looking at the symbol of water.

Back in October, when we looked at the Dove, we saw how water was used in Baptism. But Baptism isn't the only time we hear about water. In your bible, please turn to John and read Chapter 2 verses 1-12.

Weddings in ancient Israel were multi-day affairs. Have you ever been invited to a wedding? Jesus and His mother and disciples were invited. What does it mean to be invited to a party?

How do you think the servants felt when the wine ran out? Have you ever been at party when things have gone wrong?

Jesus' mother asks him to fix the problem. How does Jesus respond? Have you ever been asked to do something you don't want to? What does Jesus do?

Jesus' mother tells the servants to do what Jesus tells them. Jesus tells them to do something that seems to make no sense. Have you ever had to trust someone to help you fix a problem?

The person in charge was surprised by the quality of wine. Have you ever been surprised by a gift?

Do you know what "miracle" means? What does it tell us about Jesus that this was the first miracle he performed?

During church service, we have a meal together called Holy Communion. This meal has a wafer of bread and a cup of wine. We will learn more about this meal in the coming months. One thing that happens during this meal is the priest blesses it. And before it gets blessed, a few drops of water are added to the wine. I'd like you to try an experiment. Get a glass of juice or milk and add a few drops of water to it.

- Can you still see the water after it is added?
- Can you take the water you added back out?
- Do the few drops of water change the flavor of the juice or milk?

In church, the water that is added represents us. The wine is God. I wonder what it means to be a part of God.

In your packet are some fun worksheets.

Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now." John 2:10 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 2:1-11 (NIV).



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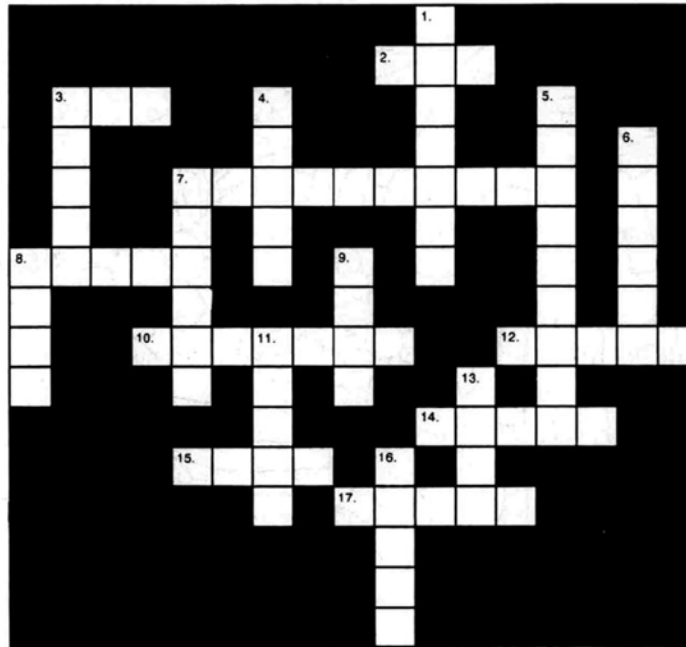
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wedding	faith	best	last	Cana
Galilee	tasted	bridegroom	filled	glory
wine	disciples	servants	master	water
saved	banquet	signs	jars	miraculous

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Water Turned to Wine

The words in this crossword puzzle are from the story in John 2:1-11. You may look up the verses to find the answers.



ACROSS

2. Jesus told the servants to fill the ____ with water. (vs.7)
3. There were ____ jars. (vs.6)
7. This story tells of the first of Jesus' ____ signs. (vs.11)
8. He performed a miracle. (vs.11)
10. This miracle took place at a ____ feast. (vs.11)
12. Jesus revealed His _____. (vs.11)
14. This is another name for a large dinner.
15. Jesus changed the water into _____. (vs.9)
17. The disciples put their ____ in Him. (vs.11)

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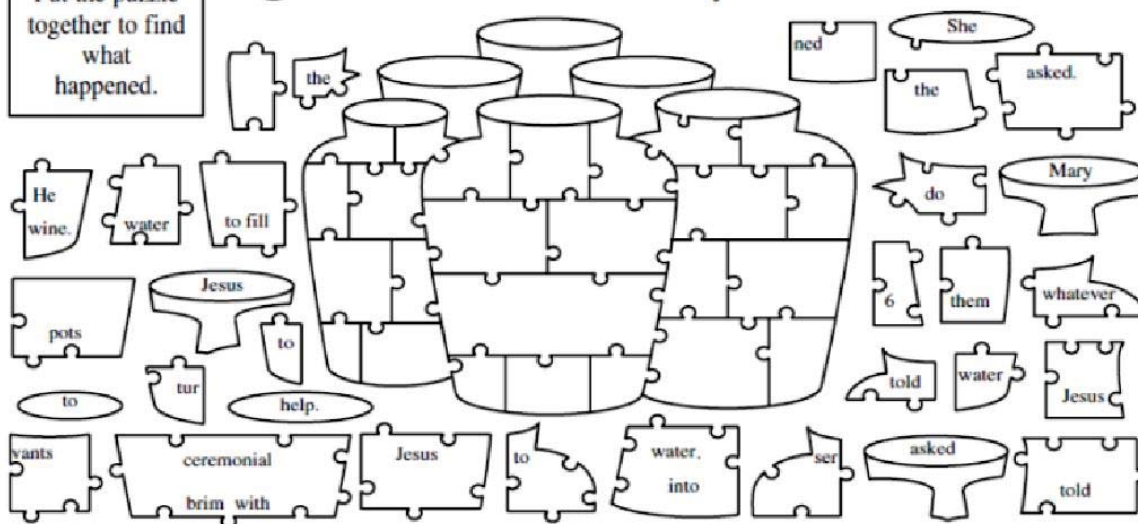
1. The wedding feast took place at Cana in _____. (vs.1)
3. The water jars were made of _____. (vs.6)
4. This was Jesus' ____ miracle. (vs.11)
5. After this miracle, Jesus' ____ put their faith in Him. (vs.11)
6. She told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do. (vs.5)
7. He tasted the water first. (vs.9)
8. This story is written in this book of the Bible.
9. This is the name of the town where this miracle happened. (vs.1)
11. Some guests had too much to _____. (vs.10)
13. This wine was the _____. (vs.10)
16. Jesus had changed ____ into the best wine. (vs.9)

Jesus went to a wedding.
When the wine ran out, Jesus turned water into wine.

Find 6 stone water pots.



Put the puzzle
together to find
what
happened.



Cross out the answer to each definition – some lines have more than one. Write the remaining words on the lines below.

7. Man getting married
10. Holds drink/evening meal
2. Wedding suit for groom
3. Relax and have fun
11. Covenant with Noah
4. Lights day/lights night
13. Marriage ceremony
8. Round symbol of marriage/
woman getting married
1. Hot air or on a string.
5. Fancy dance party
9. Worn around neck
12. Photograph
6. Clear liquid from a well

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