

Dear parents/guardians/grandparents,

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 Beginner's Bible, please turn to page 314 and read the story of "Jesus' First Miracle". A miracle is "a surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency." (Oxford Dictionary)

- Have you ever been to a wedding?
- I wonder how the servants felt knowing that the wine had run out.
- I wonder how much the servants trusted Jesus.
- I wonder how the master and groom felt with this surprise gift.
- I wonder what kind of person Jesus is that this was the first miracle He performed.
- I wonder if you have ever been surprised by a gift.

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 (with adult help as needed).

- 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 is a coloring page, a maze, and a craft for making your own jug of water that can be turned to wine.

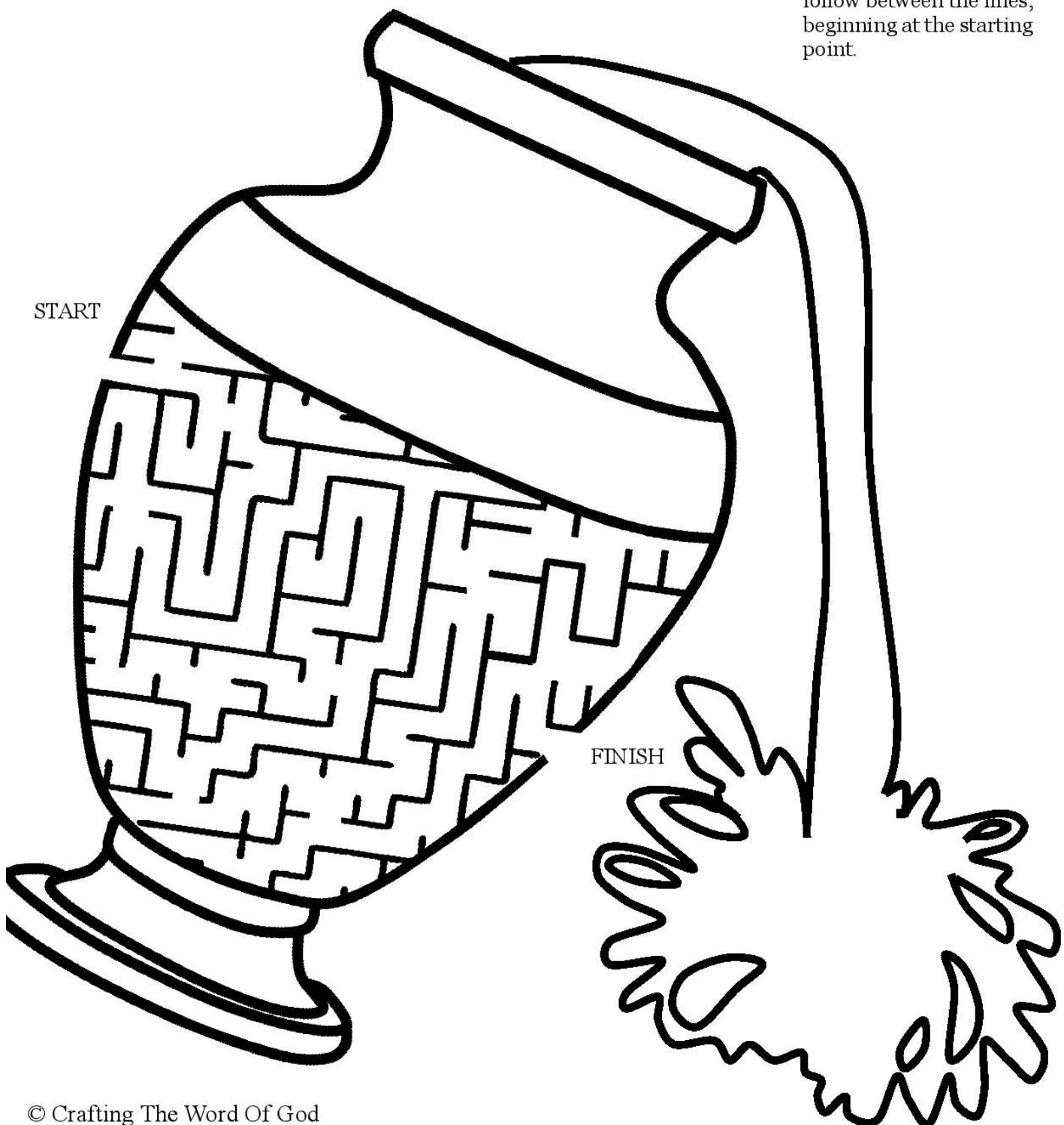


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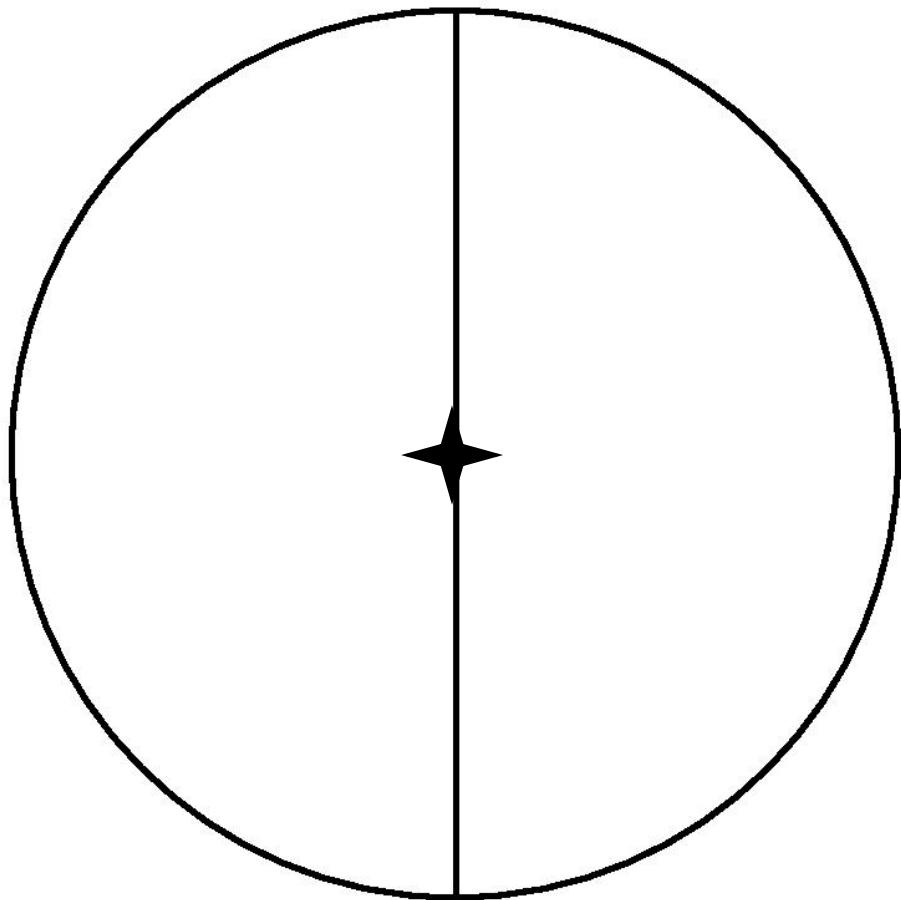
With a crayon or pencil follow between the lines, beginning at the starting point.



Jesus Turns

Water into Wine





Cut out dotted rectangle on the vase. Cut out the circle. Color half the circle blue and the other half red. Put the fastener through the star on the vase and center of the circle. Spin and change your vase of water to wine.