

The Wedding Of Cana



Mini Movie
Kids Story

John 2:1-11

Big Idea: Jesus came to give us life - life to the full.

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Instructions

Option 1: Purchase the Kidswise mini movie titled, The Wedding Of Cana. Use the last section of this script to conclude the mini movie.

Option 2: Purchase the Kidswise mini movie titled, The Wedding Of Cana Non-Narration. Translate this script into the language of your audience. Read out your translation, timing it with the mini movie images. Use the last section of this script to conclude the mini movie.

Option 3: Purchase the Kidswise mini movie titled, The Wedding Of Cana Subtitled. This version has subtitles added. Use the last section of this script to conclude the mini movie.

The conclusion of this script needs to be memorised.

Requirements

- Narrator
- Mini movie (see Instructions)
- Data projector
- Sound system
- Screen

Script

Jesus travelled to a town called Cana in Galilee.

Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary were invited to a wedding.

Picture

Picture 1

Everyone was there to celebrate with the bride and the bridegroom.

But in the middle of the party something embarrassing happened - they ran out of wine!

Mary turned to Jesus and said, "They've run out of wine!"

Picture 2

Jesus looked at his mother and said, "Woman, my time for greatness has not yet come."

It was not time for Jesus to show the world how great he really is.

Mary turned to the servants standing nearby and said, "Do whatever he tells you to do."

Nearby stood six large stone jars.

Picture 3

Jesus told the servants to fill the six large stone jars with water.

The servants filled the jars with water, just as Jesus had said.

Then Jesus told the servants to draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.

Picture 4

The master tasted it.

But it wasn't water.

It was really, really good wine!

The master did not know where the wine had come from.

But the servants knew.

The master then turned to the bridegroom and said, "People usually serve the best wine first. Then, when people have drunk the good wine, they serve the not-so-good wine. But you have kept the very best wine till now."

Picture 5

This was the first amazing thing Jesus did to show he is God.

The disciples saw what Jesus had done and they believed in him.

(Narrator moves to centre stage and addresses the audience)

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disaster!

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Story: Jesus' First Miracle

Need:

- Purchase the mini movie titled, Jesus' First Miracle (available on Worship House Kids)
- Narrator
- Data projector
- Sound

Instructions:

- Show the mini movie.

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5. The Wedding Of Cana

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Game: Musical Chairs

Need:

- Clear open space
- Cones (to define the area)
- Chairs set up in centre of space
- Music

Instructions:

- Set up chairs in two rows back-to-back in the middle of the space.
- Create an outer perimeter using the cones around the chairs.
- Instruct children to walk around the cones (away from chairs) while the music plays.
- When the music stops children have to run and sit on a chair.
- If two children sit on the same seat, both are out.
- Only one child per seat is allowed.
- Any child not sitting on a chair is out.
- Each round, reduce the number of chairs.
- Continue until only one child is left.

Conclusion:

- At some weddings the names of the people attending are written on a little card and placed on a seat.
- The people hosting the wedding make sure no one misses out on a seat.
- Unlike our game, there's a chair for every guest.
- And people hosting the wedding make sure there's enough food and wine for people to drink.
- They don't want anyone to miss out.
- In John 2 Jesus goes to a wedding and disaster happens.
- They run out of wine.
- Jesus steps in and the very best wine is made.
- Jesus never half feeds a crowd.
- Or stops half a storm.
- He never does anything that's not absolutely perfect.
- He came to give his people the very best.
- He came to give us all life to the full!

Science Experiment: Water To Wine

Warning: check for allergies before doing this activity.

Need:

- Two wine glasses
- Water
- Red wine (beware of spills on carpet, red wine stains)

Instructions:

- See Youtube clip below for how to do the trick.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkhkgjcMEtA>
- Or simply show the clip.

Conclusion:

- This was a clever trick.
- We didn't make water out of wine, we moved the water from the top glass into the bottom glass.
- And we moved the wine from the bottom glass into the top glass.
- Very cool.
- But not as cool as what Jesus did.
- What Jesus did was no trick.
- Jesus didn't move the wine from one place to another.
- He made the wine.
- And not only that - he made six large jars of it.

- It was the very best wine of all.
- Jesus always gives people the very best – even when making wine.

Introductory Activity: My Wedding

Need:

- Photos or a short video of a leader's wedding including appropriate snippets of the reception (i.e. people dancing, eating and drinking - but not drunk).
- Data projector
- Screen

Instructions:

- Show the children photos or a short video of a leader's wedding.

Conclusion:

- Who has been to a wedding?
- Weddings are lots of fun.
- Lots of food to eat and drink.
- Lots of dancing.
- People are happy because someone is getting married.
- In John chapter 2 we hear about a wedding that was almost a disaster.
- The wine ran out - which is very embarrassing for those hosting the party.
- Jesus steps in and he makes - not just okay wine - but the very best of wine.
- Jesus never gives people just okay.
- He gives his people the very best every time because he is God.
- And God only gives his people his very best.

Singing

See page 5 for song suggestions. Sing 2/3 songs about how good life is living as a child of God.

Memory Verse

John 3:16

Purchase the audio track of this verse here <http://bit.ly/in-3-16>

Story Time

Use the script titled, Jesus' First Miracle (page 52) and show the mini movie as indicated in the script.

Small Group Time

Need:

- Copy of the booklet from last week titled, Who Is Jesus? One booklet per child. Note: do not send this booklet home until the end of this unit.
- Set of coloured markers or pencils
- Set of International Children's Bibles (ICB)

Icebreaker

- What do you love about weddings?

Dramatic Reading:

- Allocate different roles to children who like reading.
- Read John 2:1-11 with different children taking on different voices: Narrator, Mary, Jesus, Master of the Wedding

Discuss:

- What was the problem at the wedding? v3
(they'd run out of wine at a wedding)
- Whom did Mary, Jesus' mother, go to fix the problem? v3
(her son, Jesus)
- Jesus told his mother that he must now do what God wanted, not what she wanted. What did Jesus do to fix the problem?
(told servants to fill six jars with water to the top and take to headwaiter)

Read John 2:6-10

Booklets:

- Fill in the missing words around the jug.
- Answers:
There was not one but six stone jars
They were big stone jars
They were filled to the top with water
The wine was the very best

Discuss:

- Why do you think John put these details in when he wrote his book?
(he wanted us to know that when Jesus does something he does it the best, he makes not one but six jars filled to the top with the very best of wine)
- The headwaiter did not know where the wine had come from but the servants and Jesus' disciples did. What does verse 11 mean when it says 'he showed his glory'?
(Jesus showed that he is God, he does things that only God can do)
- How did people respond to what Jesus has done? v11
(they believed, Jesus is God, he does what only God can do)

Conclusion:

- Jesus made simply amazing wine.
- Six large jars of it!
- It was the very best.
- Jesus never does okay.
- He always does the best.
- He gives his people the very best.
- He has given us the very best.
- He gave us his life!

Application (select from options below):

- Sometimes people say that following Jesus means we will miss out on fun things. But Jesus gives his people the very best. What's one thing Jesus has given you that you love so much?
- Have you ever been tempted to think that Jesus came to make your life less fun?

Prayer Time

Thank God for one thing you love about Jesus.

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