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## ACTIVITY

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## BIBLE STORY

### JESUS CHANGES WATER INTO WINE

Hi, everyone! Are you ready to experience the Bible story exhibit?! I sure am ready to guide you through it. Today's Bible story will be a living art gallery. You'll see what I mean.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Dress up as a museum guide again. For today's story, get three volunteers to play Jesus's mother, Jesus, and the master of the banquet. Have them holding the frames before you begin the story, or standing behind the frames if they are self-standing on a table. Have the chalice, jars, and water nearby, ready to be used. As you read John 2:1–11 aloud, prompt the subjects in each "painting" to move or make a specific expression.*





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Look at these marvelous works of art! These are scenes from when Jesus was at a wedding with his mother and disciples.

Something terrible happened though – they ran out of wine at the wedding. It was customary for the bride and groom to serve this drink at weddings, and to run out could be seen as rude!

Everyone was panicked and didn't know what to do. But Mary knew exactly who to talk to. Jesus.

Now, let's see how this story plays out as we study each scene.

[Read John 2:3–4. In the first frame, Mary holds the goblet upside down. Jesus shrugs.]

[Read John 2:7. Jesus points to the jars. Storyteller pours water into one of them.]

[Read John 2:8–9. Jesus points to the master, who is in the second frame. Storyteller pours a bit of water from the jar into the goblet, then brings it to master, who is positioned with cup at mouth.]

[John 2:10: Master holding cup away from mouth, giving a big smile and thumbs up if using self-standing frames.]

Jesus's miracles are amazing . . . almost unbelievable. But, what Jesus did was very real and very powerful! The master of the banquet and all the wedding guests literally tasted the awesomeness of what Jesus just did!





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**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Invite a volunteer to open the art tube and pull out the Big Idea butcher paper. Unroll and lay the paper on the floor. Let kids come up and paint the entire paper with watercolor paint to reveal the Big Idea. Since today's lesson emphasizes taste, try emphasizing the words "Jesus," "taste," and "God's power" as you say the Big Idea.*

God's power is so great that it can be hard to imagine how truly great it is! When Jesus was on earth, Jesus was filled with God's power and performed many amazing miracles that people got to witness. **Jesus gives us a taste of God's power!**

## OBJECT LESSON

### WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU... WATER

Who's ready for our next exhibit?! Jesus performed an amazing miracle in today's story. He turned water into a special drink for the party called wine. Believe it or not, I can do it, too! Okay, maybe I can't make wine. But would you settle for some pink lemonade?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** *Pour the prepared glass of water into the prepared "lemonade" glass, and watch the water change to pink. Alternative option: Use a tiny drop of red food coloring in the "lemonade" glass instead of using chemicals for the experiment.*





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That was so cool to see the water change right before our eyes! But, I have to be honest with you. This was no miracle! This pink stuff isn't even actually pink lemonade. This was a science experiment, and the combination of these solutions just made the water turn a pink color. It wouldn't even be good to drink!

Jesus actually changed water into wine . . . drinkable wine! Wine that the people tasted and said was the best wine. Jesus did this because Jesus was filled with the power of God. **Jesus gives us a taste of God's power** when Jesus performed miracles that humans cannot do.

Like this science experiment, many times, we try to use our own knowledge and power to do or change things in our lives.

But, God doesn't want you to handle everything on your own. God wants you to have a taste of God's power and learn to rely on God during tough situations and in your daily lives.

## MEMORY VERSE

**JEREMIAH 29:13 (NIV)**

**"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."**