

Sunday Teacher's Lesson



Life of Christ

Jesus changes the water

John 2:1-11

Younger Verse

Do everything without complaining or arguing. Philippians 2:14

Older Verse

Do everything without complaining or arguing. Philippians 2:14

Lesson Goals

Describe a miracle that Jesus does
See that Jesus can change us, like He changed the water
Believe that Jesus can help us with any need we have

Welcome Time

Have you ever been invited to a wedding or special party? What do you remember most about the celebration? (wait for answers) Jesus went to parties too. Let's listen to see what happened one time.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Teachers

Note: We used the word "drink" instead of "wine" in this lesson because some children may get mixed signals thinking that Jesus encouraged drinking. Please give the kids time to ask questions and fully explain the culture of that time period. This lesson must not be a focus on the wine, but on what Jesus did to help others.

One day Jesus and His friends were invited to a wedding celebration. Wedding parties during Jesus' time were very fun and lasted a long time. They had a special dinner for everyone in honor of the new couple. There was always lots of food and drink.

Jesus' mother was at the party too. She probably was helping to make sure that there was plenty of food for everyone. Suddenly, she discovered that the drink they were serving was running low! It would be an insult to the couple and their parents if they ran out.

She knew that Jesus could do something about the problem, so she spoke to Him. She explained the problem and waited for Jesus' answer.

Jesus told her that it was not time yet to do a miracle.

Jesus' mother knew that Jesus could do something to help the family, so she told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

Jesus obeyed His mother and cooperated. He told the servants to fill 6 big jars with water. This sounded strange to the servants, but they obeyed Jesus.

Then, Jesus asked them to dip out a cupful and give it to the bride's father for a taste test. So, they followed Jesus' instructions.

Instantly, the water changed into juice for the guests to drink. The father of the bride tasted the drink and exclaimed happily "You have saved the best for last!"

The servants and Jesus' friends were the only ones who knew that Jesus had done a miracle that day. In fact, that was the very first miracle that Jesus had ever done. When He did it, He did not want to get the credit or praise, He wanted God to get the glory. He

kept it a secret.

Jesus was flexible and helped when the situation was desperate. Jesus did a very good thing at the wedding. He helped a family not to be embarrassed or humiliated in front of others. He loved them and wanted the best for the family. He took care of their needs.

Jesus will take care of us too. In fact, He loved us so much that He was willing to die in our place. Instead of us dying in a horrible way, He took our place. He died on a rough, wooden cross for a reason. He died to take away all of our bad things (called sin). That was the only way that Jesus could erase all our bad things and help us get to Heaven. We can go to Heaven when we ask Jesus to come into our hearts and believe in Him. He forgives us for all our bad things and helps us do good and right things. If you want to know more about Jesus, please talk to us during activity time or snack time.

Learning Activities

Look for ways to emphasize how Jesus cared for people and takes care of their needs. If a child brings up the wine issue, please help them to understand that Jesus was not promoting drinking, He was trying to do a good thing for others.

Memory Verse Activities

Write the verse on a white piece of paper with a white crayon. Then, scribble over it with a watercolor marker. Instantly, the verse can be seen. It has changed! Talk about how Jesus listened to His mother and did not complain or argue. He helped save the wedding day!

Prayer Time

Ask God to help everyone do a good thing this week, maybe at school, at home, or while they are playing with friends. Thank God for being good to us.

Snack Time/CleanUp

You may want to let the kids help you make Kool-Aid (stir contents of a packet into the water to change it). Enjoy time with the kids. (There are some “cool” new flavors that look like one flavor and taste like something else!)

Planning for August 19th
A boy gives his lunch
Character Quality of Generosity
Matthew 14:13-21

Preschool Lesson for Jesus changes the water

One day Jesus and His friends were invited to a wedding. (Hum “The Wedding March Tune”) Wedding parties during Jesus’ time were very fun and lasted a long time. They had a special table of food for everyone in honor of the new couple. There was always lots of food and drink. (Ask them, “What kind of food would you like to eat?”)

Jesus’ mother was at the party too. She probably was helping to make sure that there was plenty of food for everyone. Oh, No! She saw that the drink they were drinking was running low! It would be an insult to the couple and their parents if they ran out of drink.

She knew that Jesus could do something about the problem, so she talked to Him. She explained the problem and waited for Jesus’ answer.

Jesus told her that it was not time yet to do a miracle.

Jesus’ mother knew that Jesus could do something to help the family, so she told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do.

Jesus told the servants to fill 6 big jars with water. (Let’s count 6 glass jars) This sounded strange to the servants, but they obeyed Jesus. (Now, fill 6 small glasses with water)

Then Jesus asked them to dip out a cupful and give it to the bride’s father for a taste test. So, they followed Jesus’ instructions.

Instantly, the water changed into juice for the guests to drink! The father of the bride tasted the drink (pretend to taste or even slurp) and exclaimed happily “You have saved the best for last!”

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Sing, “God is so good.”

Hands-on Activities for Jesus changes the water

Illustrate the story: Bring a pitcher of water (in a clear container or glass if possible) Before the lesson, drop a drop of food coloring on the stirring spoon. Let it dry. When the story is being told, put the spoon in the water as a dipper at the appropriate time. The food coloring will dissolve and turn the water into another color!

Bring crushed ice to make snow cones. Share how ice is a form of water. Now add snow cone syrup. The ice has changed! Enjoy the snacks.

This week, do something good for others secretly, like Jesus did. Do not let yourself get any of the credit. Just smile and thank God for His goodness to us.

Boil eggs for each person. Bring vinegar and food coloring. Dip the eggs into a mixture of vinegar and food coloring. Watch the eggs change color! Talk about how Jesus was good to the family in the story. Ask the kids to take the egg home as a reminder of the story.

Bring a candy necklace or let them make their own. Ask them to think of ways to eat the necklace (all at once or one candy at a time). Now ask them, "How is the necklace like doing good?" (This is a thinking question, so give them time to think.) They may say that we can do one good thing all at once or we can do good things one at a time on different days. Make candy necklaces for each child by giving each child clear wrap and placing small candies on the plastic. Wrap them up and tie the necklace around the child's neck. When the kids do one nice/good thing to someone every day, they can eat a piece of candy. Hopefully by the end of the week, they will have done a good deed every day and finished eating the candy necklace! Share experiences next week.

Just like the water changed, talk about some attitudes that need to be changed in your life. As a teacher, you may need to be first to share, so that the kids can see that you are trying to be more like Jesus too. If sharing does not seem appropriate for your group, give them paper sheets with jars on it to write things they need to change.