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JOHN 2

WATER INTO WINE

Scripture: John 2: 1-11

Open: Greet, Praises, Requests, Pray

Supplies: Mason jar with lid,
paper towel, red food coloring,
water, craft page print outs

Ask:

- Who remembers what book we've started to study? (John)
- Is it in the Old Testament or New Testament? (New)
- How can we tell? (Jesus and after is NT)
- Does anyone remember what type of book we call John? (Gospel, or good news, because it is about the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus)
- Here is a fun fact for you that you may be able to stump your parents with. Does anyone know what the Gospels Matthew, Mark, and Luke are called? (Synoptic Gospels. These three are very similar in their stories- they see with a common view. John is a bit different. He shares different stories in a different way.
- Who can tell me some of the miracles of Jesus? (Allow for answers)
- Does anyone have a favorite miracle or a miracle they think is the coolest?
- Today, we're going to learn about the first miracle that John records, and he is the only one who records this

Read: John 2:1-11

Explain:

Did you notice how Jesus had compassion? (The family of the wedding party was required to provide wine for their guests. To run out would be an extreme social embarrassment and it would also leave the guests potentially without a way to hydrate as wine and water were really the only two drinks available)

Why do you think he said his time had not yet come? (He could have already made a plan for how he was going to fix the situation, he may not have planned to involve others yet. He may be gently rebuking his mother because she isn't recognizing the true reason he has come.)

Explain:

We don't know the answer because Scripture doesn't give it to us, but it's okay to wonder and make guesses, as long as we don't get too caught up in those. One thing we do know is that wine was considered a symbol of joy and celebration. It was also prophesied that wine would flow freely during the Messianic age (that means the time of the Messiah which means anointed one, which Jesus is). This could be representative of that.

Activity:

Have the kids retell and act out the story.

Before the lesson, fill a clear pitcher with water. Also have a clear mason jar with a lid. On the lid, cut a piece of paper towel and saturate it with red food coloring.

Once dry, cover the paper towel with a paper so it isn't obvious.

Have the kids reenact the story. When they get to the part of the water into wine, have them pour the water into the mason jar, put on the lid and shake it. The water will turn red.

After the story, explain what we did to make the water red, but explain that Jesus wasn't doing a trick. He miraculously turned water into wine, that people drank. And it wasn't just okay wine, it was the best wine!

Explain:

God can meet our every need. Nothing is too hard for him. He is the Messiah, and he is good and faithful. This doesn't mean that he gives us whatever we want. That wouldn't be good, would it? But it does mean that he gives us what we need. What we need most is forgiveness from our sins. How does he give us that? He also gives us who believe in him the hope of eternal life. Amazingly, he doesn't just meet those needs. He also can meet our physical needs, and he longs for us to ask him. We are meant to pray. God loves to hear from his children. Not as a genie, but as a loving Father who helps his children in their time of need. We're going to do a craft where we write some of our needs on a jar to remind us that God can meet all our needs.



