


Hunting for Treasure – Lesson 1





JESUS

Turned Water Into Wine

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues"
(Matthew 9:35)

Parent's Page

Learning God's Word

This week we learned how Jesus turned the water into wine from John 2:1-11. The children learned that Jesus performed miracles to show that He is God. Though He had nothing to prove, He could present His message to those who saw His miracles.

This wedding where Jesus turned the water to wine was the first time Jesus performed a miracle. It was the beginning of a fruitful ministry and of solidifying His disciples' faith.

Discuss It

1. How do you think the servants felt when Jesus asked them to take the water to the governor of the feast? (scared, nervous)
2. Why do you think the wine Jesus made tasted better? (Jesus does all things well; He created the grapes in the first place.)
3. Do you think Mary had seen Jesus do miracles before? (The Bible does not say, but turning the water into wine was Jesus' first public miracle.)

Parent Time

As a bride-to-be, I worried about every little detail while planning my wedding. The flowers and dresses had to be just right. We had to use one particular guest book. I planned the music to reflect different parts of our story together.

It turned out that my worry was for nothing. The day was a beautiful celebration of the beginning of our life together. Only one thing did not go as planned. I did not think about the difficulty of blowing out my single candle after the lighting of the unity candle while wearing a bridal veil. After

several attempts, my new husband simply reached over and blew it out for me. I suppose he wanted to be sure my single life was over!

Often the small details are those we worry over the most. I'm not sure if the groom of Cana worried about running out of wine ahead of time or if that was a complete surprise. However, there is good news! Whether it is a detail we contemplated or one that we did not see coming, Jesus is already there. He works in the smallest of details in ways much larger than we could have ever imagined!

Flashcard Fun

Cut out the flashcards. (To preserve wear and tear on the cards, you could cover them in clear contact paper.) Show your child the front of the cards and ask the question. The answer is on the back of the card. If you have flashcards from previous lessons, fan them in your hand and allow your child to choose a card.



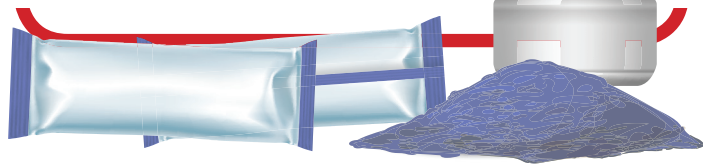
**How many
commandments
did God give on
Mount Sinai?**



**What do the
first four
commandments
teach?**

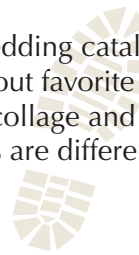
Teachable Moments With Snacks

Purchase some water bottles and grape Kool-Aid® singles and tell your child you will make a snack to remind them of Jesus' miracle. Give them a water bottle and have them take a few drinks from it. When the water level is down somewhat, help them pour some of the Kool-Aid® into the bottle. Shake it well, and tell them to taste it again. Now they changed the water into something that tastes much better!



Living God's Word

Find some wedding catalogs or magazines. Let your child cut out favorite dresses, flowers, cake, etc. Glue to a collage and talk about how these wedding things are different from those of Jesus' time.



Field Trip Idea

Visit a wedding specialty shop with your child. Let him feel the fabrics of the dresses or tuxedos. Ask if you can have a sample or purchase a small piece of cake in a wedding bakery. Visit a florist, show your child some typical wedding flowers, and let him smell them. Talk about what a special occasion a wedding is and how special it was that Jesus performed His first miracle at a wedding. Discuss the importance of marrying a Christian spouse.

Loving God's Word

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues," (Matthew 9:35)

Take a walk with your child. Talk about how Jesus walked everywhere He went. As you walk, pick a designated object or place to stop and say the verse. Some ideas are:

When you see a stop sign

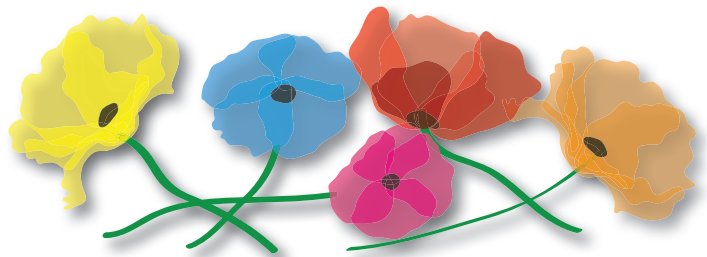
When a car drives by

When you pass a church building

When you see a dog in someone's yard

Craft: Wedding Flowers

Cut tissue paper in 12" x 12" pieces. Help your child accordion pleat the tissue paper. Cut a point at both ends. Put a bread wire tie or chenille stem around the middle. Separate and fluff up the different layers. Spritz the flower with perfume.



**Our duty
to God**

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