

## Bible background

John 2:1-11

## Aim of lesson

To show that Jesus can work miracles.

## Preparation required

You will need six buckets or ice cream tubs and enough plastic jugs or cups for the children to have one each.

## Suggested outline of lesson

1. Ask the children about weddings. What do people wear and eat and drink? Have they ever been to a wedding? Tell the children how different weddings were in the time of Jesus. The bride would wear a white dress, perhaps with gold embroidery; at the start of the wedding she would be covered with a veil. She would wear jewellery and perfume. The wedding feast could go on for a week or two, and providing all the food and drink would be very expensive. Because water was scarce and often impure, but grapes were plentiful, the guests would drink wine.
2. Tell how Jesus was invited to a wedding, but when they were having the party the wine ran out. Jesus' mother, Mary, asked him what they could do. Jesus told the servants to fill six large jars full of water. Ask the children to fill the six buckets with water (if you have a tap and a suitable area for water, then use it, but if not, let the children mime). Tell how when the servants poured out the water for someone to drink, it had changed into wine, and everyone thought how good it was.
3. Sing the song 'Six Water Jars'. The children could repeat each line after you.
4. Remind the children that Jesus could do miracles because God had given him his power to do anything.
5. Ask the children to complete the activity sheet.

## Alternative activities

1. Make some party food with dough or modelling clay or have a real party if you didn't do this last week.
2. Make a collage picture, using colourful fabric scraps or wallpaper for the wedding guests' clothes.
3. Make water jars from salt dough or modelling clay. (See Lesson 7)
4. Give each child a wine goblet shape, cut from thick paper or card, to decorate.

## Relevance to the children's lives

When Mary had a problem she told Jesus and he knew what to do. We should always tell Jesus when we have a problem.

## Prayer

Ask for prayers beginning 'Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for doing such a wonderful miracle.'

## Verse

'Do whatever he tells you.' John 2:5.

## Song

### Six Water Jars (based on the tune: 'Three Blind Mice')

Six water jars (repeat)  
Filled to the brim (repeat)  
Then Jesus turned the water to wine  
And everyone said that it tasted just fine  
They'd never had such a wonderful time  
As that wedding day

*Music: Traditional.*