

John 2; Ephesians 5:1-21

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3,4

Readings this week:

S	John 2:1-12
M	John 2:13-25
T	Eph 4:17-24
W	Eph 4:25-32
Th	Eph 5:1-10
F	Eph 5:11-20
S	Eph 5:21-33

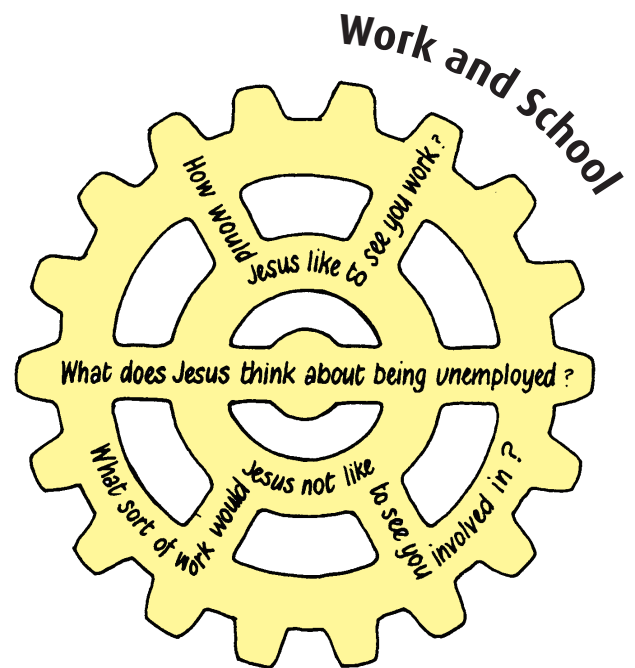
Invited to a Marriage

What do you know about Jewish weddings? Matthew 22:1-10 may help. Jesus and his disciples accepted the invitation - what does this tell us about Jesus?

What does it tell us about the people who arranged the wedding?



Which areas of your life is Jesus invited into ?



Relationships

Washing

Look at Mark 7:3-4. The Jews insisted on washing before and after meals. The hands had to point upwards and have water poured over them, so they were washed down to the wrist and the fingers could be guaranteed to be clean.

Jesus took away the water to wash the skin, and turned it into wine. What is the significance of wine to disciples of Jesus?

Look at Psalm 51:5-9 and Hebrews 9:14.

Cana

Look at John 21:2. Who came from Cana? Where else did we read about him?

Thrown out of God's house

Why do you think Jesus did what he did?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. What is the temple that Paul is writing about?

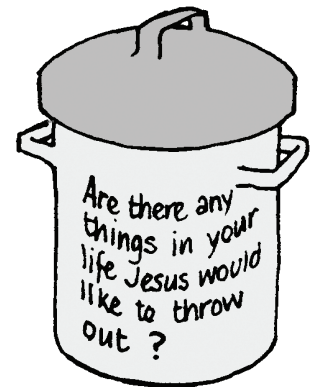
Are there things in our lives that Jesus would throw out? Get a listing of television programmes and cross out the things he would get rid of.

Read Matthew 21:12-16.

Is this describing the same event as in John 2?

Whom did Jesus throw out of the temple?

Whom did he welcome in?



Digging Deeper - Two passovers

Jesus probably taught and healed people for about three and a half years. We can work this out by counting the number of Passover feasts Jesus went to (the parable in Luke 13:6-9 may also contain a hint).

Look up John 2:13-14. What happened at the first Passover?

You know from your lesson what miracle Jesus did just before this. How much wine did Jesus make? A modern version will tell you in gallons or litres. (If you like maths you could work out how many bottles of wine this would be) Would it have been enough? Remember they had already drunk all the wine the host had provided. Another Passover is recorded in John 6:4. What miracle did Jesus do on this occasion? Did Jesus make enough bread? (John 6:11-13).

Read Luke 6:38 to find out what you can be given if you try to be like Jesus.

Ask for help in making the right choices.