

Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're going to learn about the first miracle Jesus ever performed. One day, Jesus, his disciples, and even his mom were invited to a wedding. It was a fun time of celebrating with friends. People were eating, drinking and probably dancing! Well, at some point, the host of the party ran out of wine for the guests. This was not a good thing. Jesus' mom told Jesus to fix the problem. So, Jesus went to some workers and told them to fill some big jars with water. When the workers brought the jars full of water to the host for him to taste, the host was shocked at how yummy the wine tasted. Now, to the workers and the disciples, this was a very confusing reaction. They knew the jars were full of water, not wine. So, why was the host saying it was wine? Well, that's because Jesus turned the water into wine! Jesus is God so he can make anything happen! Now, the point of the miracle wasn't about wine. The point was to remember who Jesus is and that he came to save us from our sins. Now, that's something to celebrate!

Big Idea

Jesus came so we would have something to celebrate

Key Question

Why do we have a reason to celebrate?

Memory Verse

John 2:11 "And his disciples believed in him"

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: Describe your favorite birthday party (what you did, who was there, theme etc.)** (Tip: Parties are fun because you're celebrating something special. We have a lot to celebrate because of Jesus.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **Because Jesus came to save us from our sins!** (Jesus didn't just come to hang out on earth to teach and to heal people. He came on a mission to save everyone, including you and me. Jesus came so that he could die to pay for OUR sins, not His. Because of Jesus, our relationship with God is fixed, we can live to honor him, and we get to live in heaven some day.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Why do we have a reason to celebrate? Where did Jesus die for our sins? **4-5th** What are some other things we can celebrate that Jesus has done for us?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read Isaiah 35:10. What does it mean that Jesus ransomed us? Why should we be full of joy?** (Answer: A ransom is when someone pays a price, usually money, in order to free someone. Jesus paid for our sins by dying for us on the cross. His death was payment for our sin debt so that we can be free. We can be joyful knowing that we are forgiven and we have the hope of heaven.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGOD.org/kids to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: WATER TO WINE CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Water jar template (page 5). Have them cut out each item.
- Have kids color and decorate their water jar. Then, have them glue the Big Idea and Memory verse onto the jar.
- As they work, read the story of Jesus' first miracle from John 2:1-11. Remind the kids that Jesus turned water to wine, not because he wanted to keep the party going. He did it to prove his power and to remind all of us that we have something to celebrate because of him. He came to die for our sins to set us free!

Supplies needed: Water jar template (pg. 5, 1 per kid), Scissors, Crayons, Glue

OPTION 2: SOMETHING TO CELEBRATE RELAY RACE

Instructions:

- Before class, tape two lines at each end of the room.
- Divide the class into two teams. Have teams line up single file behind a line at one end of the room. Give the first kid in line the following items (party hat, sunglasses, and adult shoes)
- When you say, "Go!", the first kids in line have to put on the hat, glasses and shoes and run to the other end of the room to touch the other line and back. Then, the next kid in line has to put on the stuff and do the same. Continue until all the kids in line have had a turn. First team to finish, wins. Celebrate the winning team by giving them high fives!
- Then, read the story of Jesus' first miracle from John 2:1-11. Remind the kids that Jesus turned water to wine, not because he wanted to keep the party going. He did it to prove his power and to remind all of us that we have something to celebrate because of him. He came to die for our sins to set us free!

Supplies needed: Tape, 2 Party hats, 2 pair of sunglasses, 2 adult pairs of shoes

Hey kids and parents! Fill in the blanks as you talk about this week's lesson together. Have fun!

Key Points

- One of Jesus' very first miracles happened at a _____ party. John 2:1-2
- Jesus didn't want to do the miracle, but his _____ asked him to. John 2:4
- Jesus turned _____ into _____ to send an important message. John 2:11
- Jesus came so we would have something to _____!

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Talk About It

1. What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?
2. Describe your favorite birthday party.(what you did, who was there, theme etc.)
3. Where was Jesus when he performed his first miracle?
4. What miracle did Jesus perform? What was the real reason Jesus turned water into wine?
5. Read Isaiah 35:10. What does it mean that Jesus ransomed us? Why should we be full of joy?
6. How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?

Instructions: Color the picture.

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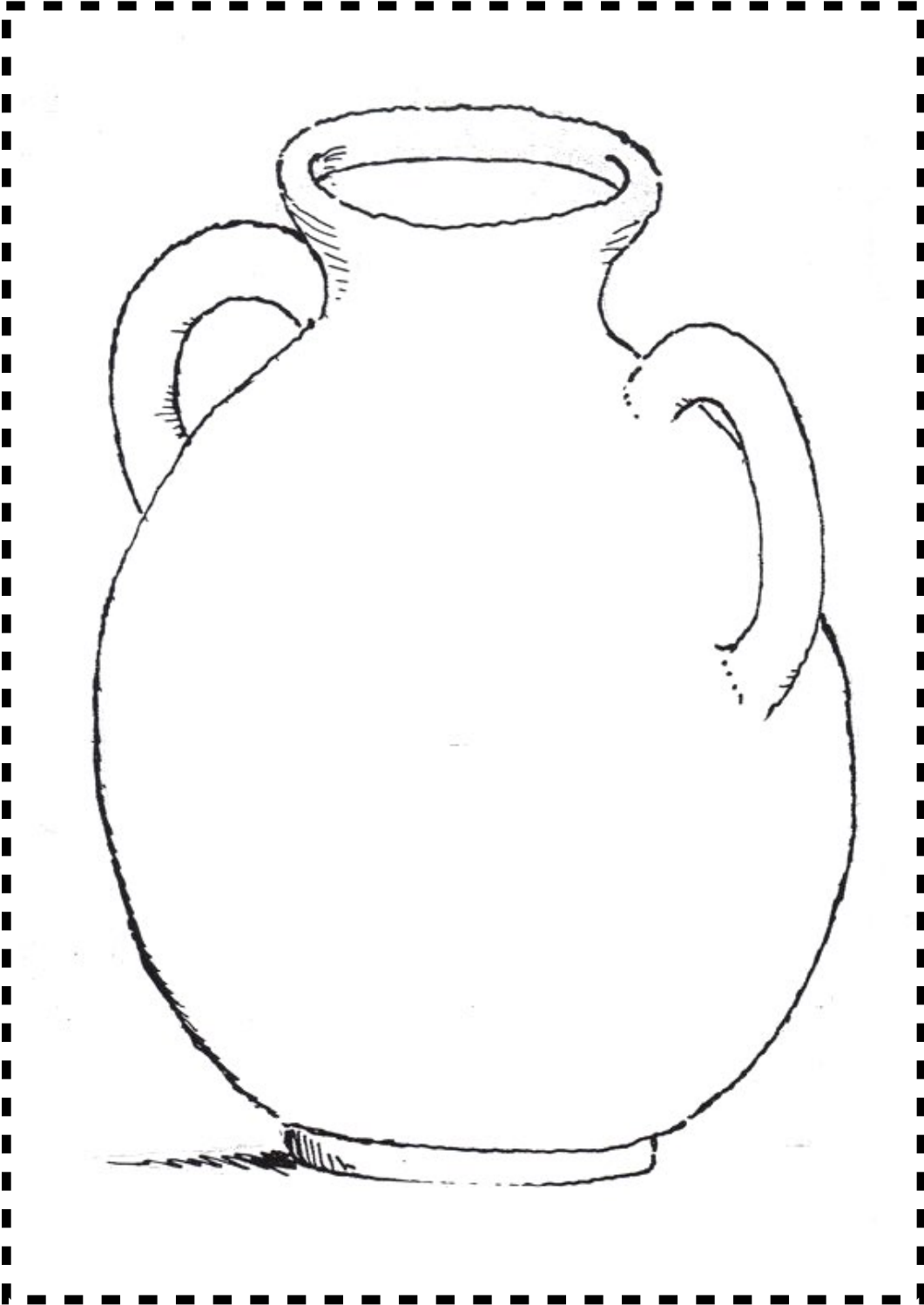
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