



The Story @ Home

3rd -6th

Living the Word: Teaching Kids God's Story

Narrative Lectionary, Year 4 (2017-2018)

Lesson #4-18

John 2:1-11

Last Week

Last week we joined John the Baptist and the disciples at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus.

This Week

This week the wedding at Cana is the setting for Jesus' first public miracle.

Story Summary

Jesus reveals his glory in this miracle of changing water into wine during a wedding celebration. We discover and express our gifts when we are in a community. We only really understand the power of our gifts when there are those around us who can receive those gifts and respond to them. In the same way, we best understand the power of God's gifts when we are around others who receive and respond to them as well.

Practice: Prayer

Different prayers serve different purposes. Sometimes we cry out to God for help. Sometimes we pray on our own behalf or on that of others. And sometimes we simply need to praise God and celebrate God's greatness! Create a praise parade around your home, and take turns calling out the things for which you give praise.

The Point

When Jesus shows up, God provides for the feast.

Bible Nuts & Bolts

Miracle Stories

What do miracle stories teach us about Jesus? The miracle stories can be divided into three groups. Healing stories contain accounts of a person with an identified need, Jesus' provision of words or actions (touching the ill person or commanding the person to do something, such as walk), and the final healing of the person. Exorcisms are similar to healings but involve a personified evil, such as a demon. Natural miracles are those stories in which Jesus exerts power over nature, such as calming the sea or multiplying the loaves and fish. These miracles tell the stories of Jesus' compassion for those in need, his power over the forces of sin and evil, and his command over nature.

Next Week

Next week Jesus chases the moneychangers out of the temple, and makes a prophecy about his own resurrection.

Family Discussions

Use the questions below or other questions you think of to discuss today's Scripture reading (listed above) with your family.

- ✝ In what way does this text speak to our theme of Encountering the Messiah?
- ✝ What does this scripture have to do with our lives today?
- ✝ What part of this scripture is the most interesting to you? Why?

Family Devotions

As you hear and study these stories each week, consider what God has to say to you and your family. What is God's message to us? How should we respond?

Sunday—Read John 2:1-11

The first revelation of the Messiah's glory.

Plan a party together. Prepare some favorite foods and give small gifts to each other.

Monday—Read Luke 14:7-11

A parable about weddings.

Eat a meal together and sit at different places than usual around the table. How does it feel?

Tuesday—Read Luke 14:15-24

A second parable about weddings.

Sometimes we make excuses about going to church. What are some of your excuses? How can you get past the excuses and worship together?

Wednesday—Read Psalm 104:10-16

The Lord gives food and drink to all creation.

Drink glasses of water together and talk about the things in creation for which you are the most grateful.

Thursday—Read Revelation 19:1-10

The eternal wedding feast.

Eat a feast together. At the beginning and the end of the meal, say "Praise our God, all you his servants, and all who fear him, small and great."

Friday—Read Isaiah 25:6-9

The Feast of the Lord.

Share one thing that makes you sad. Pass around a tissue. Pray for the person holding the tissue and their sorrow, then pass the tissue to the next person and pray for them.

Saturday—Read Psalm 23

A Psalm with overflowing wine.

This is a well-known Psalm. What image from it speaks to you? Why?