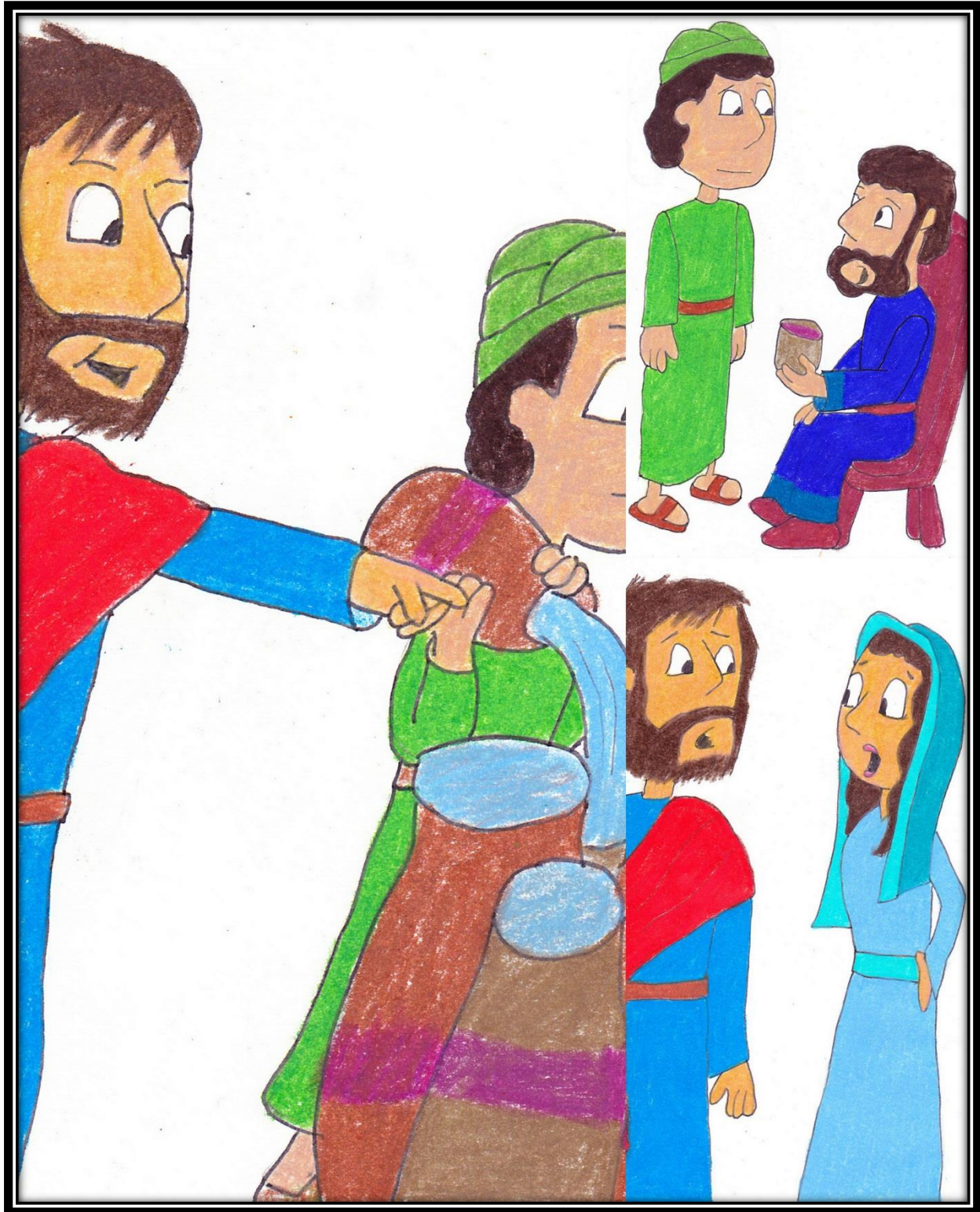
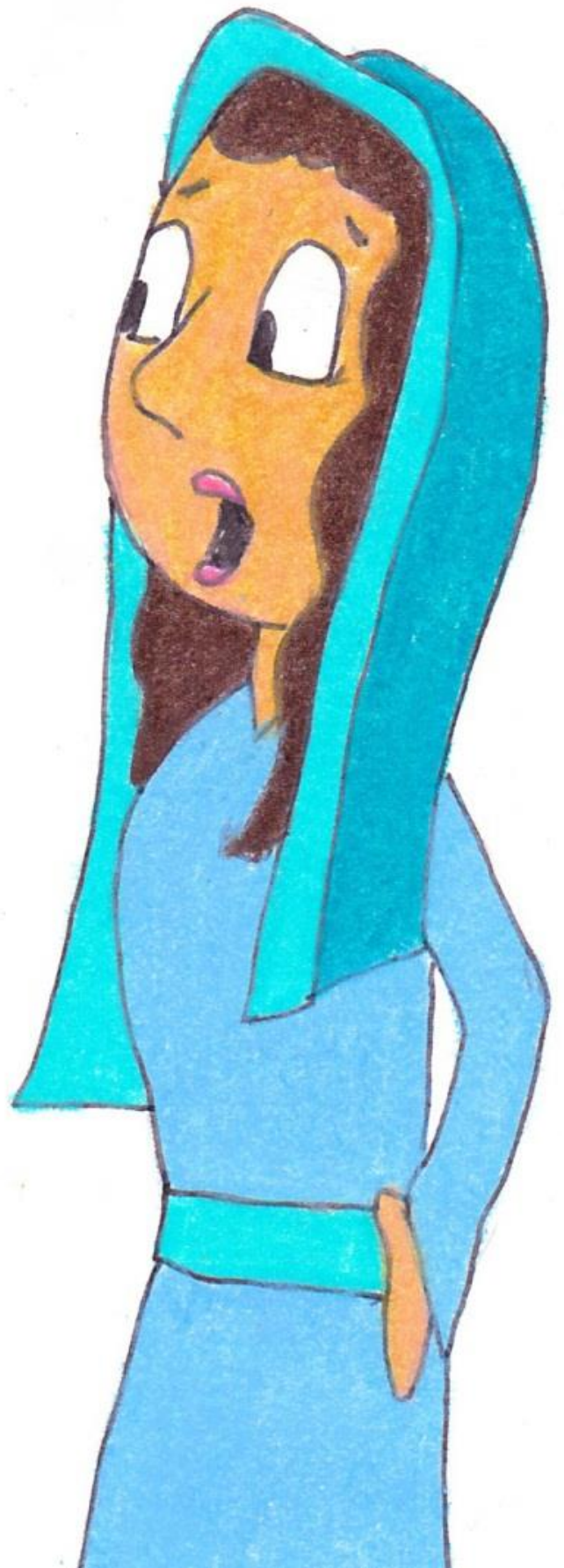


# Jesus Changes the Water to Wine

## John 2:1-11





After Jesus chose his disciples, he and all of his disciples were invited to a wedding.

In Israel a wedding could last for up to a week, and the guests would eat at the groom's house for that entire time.

The highest shame would come on the groom if he ran out of food or drink. So, when the master of ceremonies came to the groom and told him the wine was gone, everyone was worried.

Mary heard the news as well, and she didn't want her friends to be embarrassed, so she went to Jesus. "They are out of wine," she whispered.

"Mother, why are you telling me this?" Jesus asked her.

Mary did not answer him, but pulled over the servants.



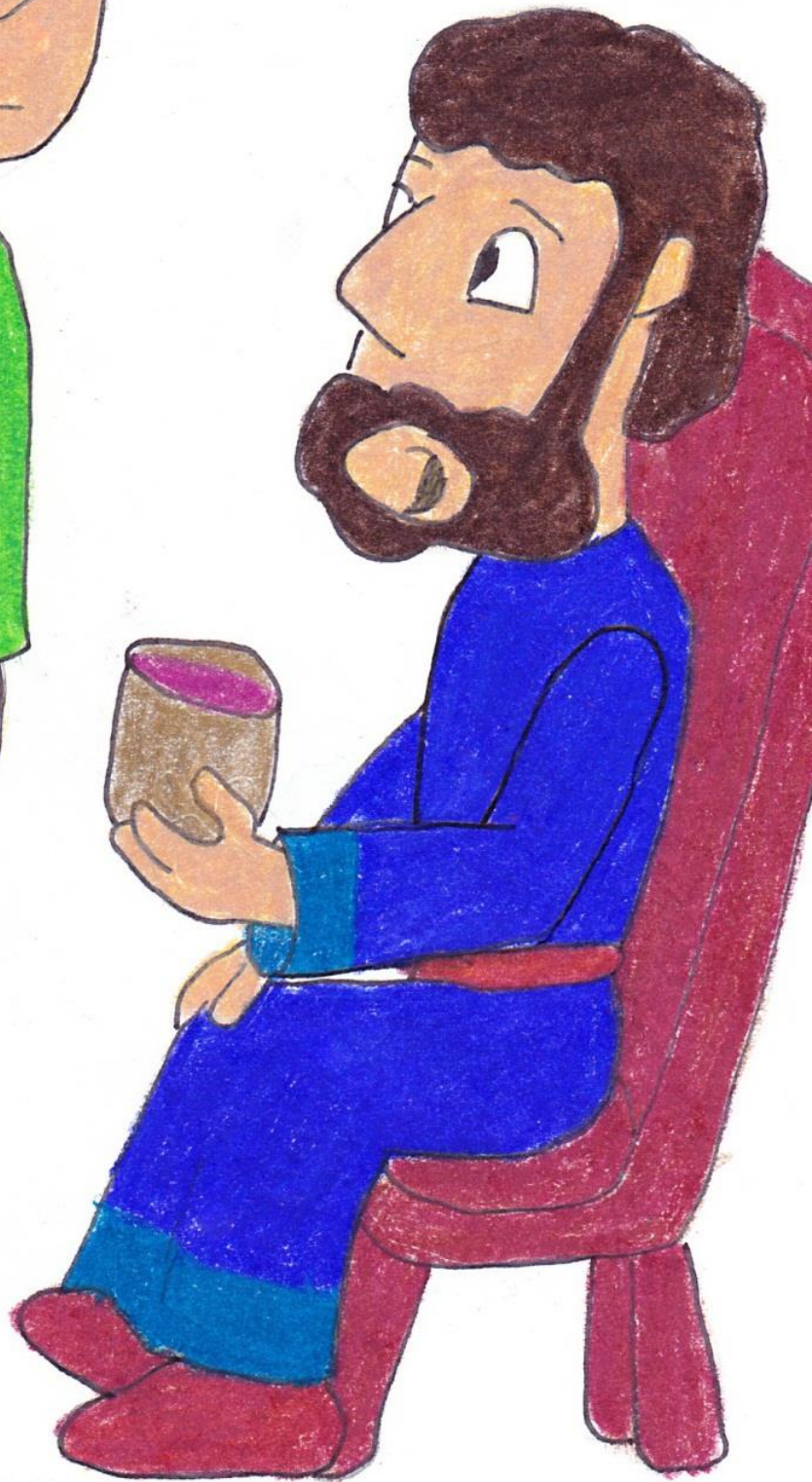
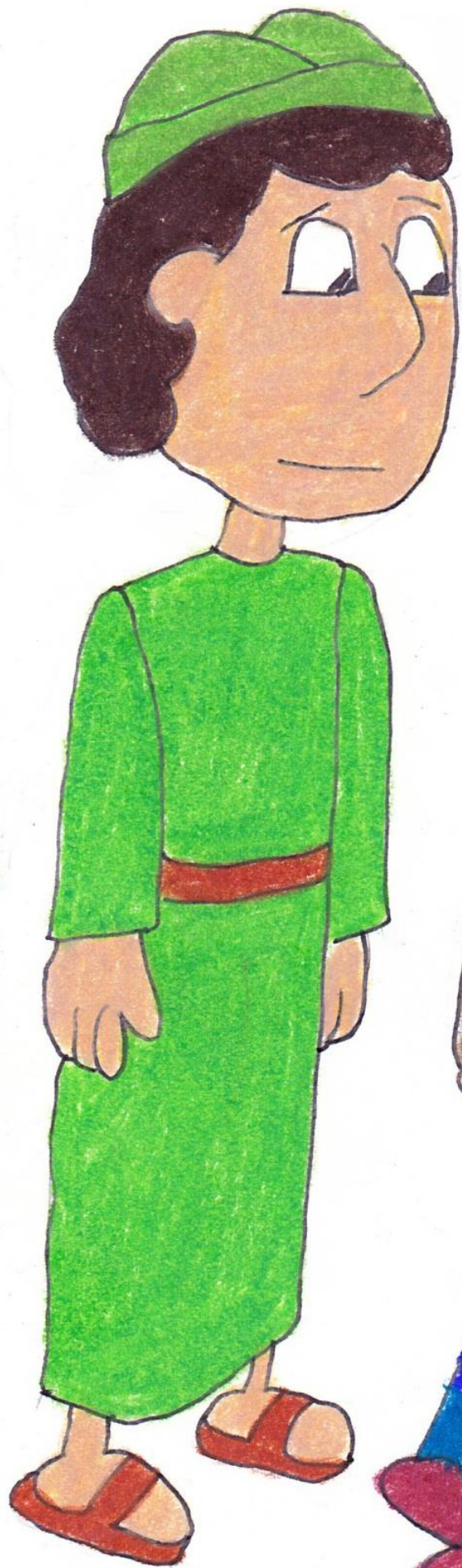
“Do whatever he says,” Mary told the servants. They nodded to her and turned to Jesus waiting for instructions.

“Go get six of the ceremonial jars and bring them to me,” Jesus instructed.

The servants brought him six jars that could each hold about 20 to 30 gallons of water.

“Now, go and fill them to the very top with water,” he said.

They did what Jesus said, and were trying to figure out how this could solve the problem.



“Fill a cup from the jar and take it to the master of ceremonies,” said Jesus pointing the man out.

The servants did just as they were told, and the master of ceremonies drank the wine.

“What is this!” he exclaimed in surprise. “This is the best wine I’ve ever tasted! Where were you hiding this?”

He sat back on his chair, “Most people serve their best wine at the beginning when everyone is taking notes about what is going on, but you have saved the best wine for last.”

This was the first miracle Jesus did, and his disciples faith in him grew.

# Questions

## Younger Kids

1. Who was invited to the wedding? Do you think it was a big deal that Jesus was allowed to bring his disciples?
2. What was Jesus' response to his mother? Did Jesus do what she wanted? How do you respond to your parents?
3. What did the servants do when Jesus asked them to get jars? Did they demand an explanation? What do you do when you are given a strange request?

## Middle Kids

1. How did Jesus find out they were out of wine? Read John 2:3. Why did Mary think Jesus could help? Was it Jesus' job to get more wine?
2. Read John 2:4. What is Jesus' response to His mother? Now read John 2:7. Did Jesus do what she wanted? Why did He do what she wanted? Read Exodus 20:12 and Ephesians 6:1.
3. Read John 2:8-11. Was Jesus given credit for the wine at the wedding? Who knew about this miracle? Why do you think Jesus did the



miracle? When you do a good thing for someone what do you want to happen? Is it hard to remain quiet? Jesus didn't tell everyone what He did.

## Older Guys

1. Read John 2:1. When is this happening? For the context of that next day read John 1:43-51. Do you think Nathaniel saw this as one of those “greater things” Jesus promised?
2. Read John 2:3. What do you think it means for Mary to know about the lack of wine? Was she someone important at this wedding? Read John 2:5. Now reread both of those verses, and look for how she is referred to? What does that tell you about Mary's importance to THIS story? Who is the pivotal figure here?
3. Read John 2:4. Why is Jesus responding the way He does to Mary? Ultimately what does Jesus do? How is Jesus supposed to respond to His mother as an adult? Read Exodus 20:12 and Ephesians 6:1-4. For you what is the balance between respecting your parents and being your own person?

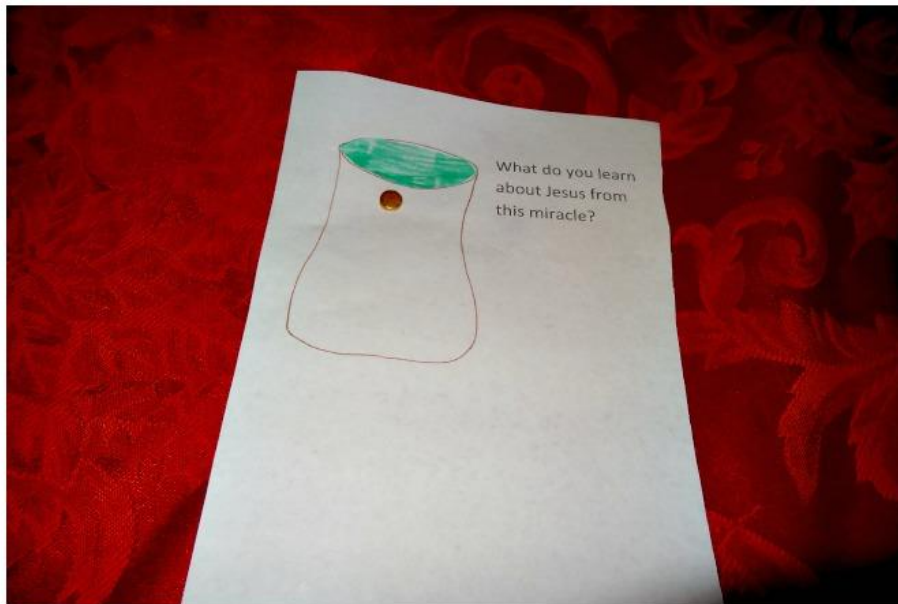
4. Read John 2:8-11. At any time is Jesus thanked for what he did? Is He even given credit? How do you respond when you have done a big thing? What do you expect? Read Matthew 6:2 and Mark 5:43. What did Jesus want people to do for His miracles? Is there a time when we should tell people? Read Mark 5:19.

### Activities

1. Look at a map of Israel and find Bethany on the Jordan River. Now find Cana in Galilee, this is where they traveled to for the wedding. Imagine walking all that distance for a wedding. Do you think this is why weddings lasted for such a long time? One can be found here: [http://www.bible-history.com/maps/palestine\\_nt\\_times.html](http://www.bible-history.com/maps/palestine_nt_times.html)
2. Figure out how much wine Jesus created when He filled those jars. There are 6 jars and each jar holds between 25-30 gallons. Now get out a gallon of milk. Think about how much wine that was Jesus created.
3. This is a fun “surprise the kids” activity. Find two cups. Fill the first cup all the way with water, and leave the second cup empty. In the bottom of the second cup have a few drops of

food coloring (but don't let the kids see). As you tell the story, when you get to the part about filling the jars, pour the water into the empty cup and the kids will be surprised when the water turns a dark red from the food die.

#### 4. Make water to wine craft.



1. Color a small piece of card stock half blue and half purple.
2. Cut out the top of the jar.
3. Hole punch the jar and the card stock.
4. Put a brad through, now you can turn your water into wine.



## Online

1. Make a water to wine craft-

<http://www.amommysadventures.com/2012/03/bible-alive-turning-water-into-wine.html>

2. Water to wine demonstration-

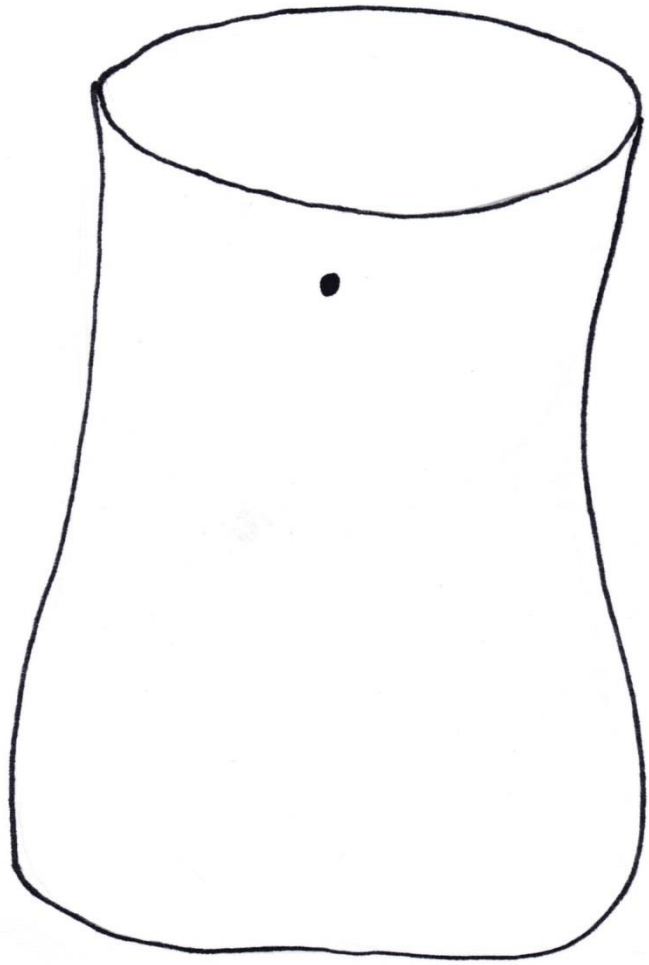
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3. Water to wine printable-

<http://www.churchhousecollection.com/jesus-turns-water-into-wine-sunday-school-lesson.php>

4. Collection of games and ideas-

<http://kingskidstuff.com/miracles-of-jesus/water-to-wine/>



What do you learn about Jesus  
from this miracle?