



Lesson One

Jesus Changes Water to Wine

Heart Preparation & Bible Background

The first three Gospels describe the miracles of Jesus as *mighty works*; the Gospel of John speaks of them as *signs*. This quarter in Sunday school, you and your class will focus on Jesus, the wonderful miracles he did, and *why* he did them.

The purpose of the miracles was to show people that Jesus was God. Jesus came to reveal God's glory and grace, and he wanted people to trust him as God their Savior. You see, Jesus not only had power to change water to wine, calm the storm, heal the sick, make the blind see, and create life where there was death, but most significant of all, he had—and has—power to forgive sins and make new the hearts of sinners.

Yes, the good news is that Jesus is God the Son who came to save his people from their sins. We want to remember for ourselves, and teach the children, that it is much more important to be forgiven of sins than to have a problem fixed, a thunderstorm stop, be made well, or even to come alive after being dead. This does not minimize our future resurrection which is the culmination of our salvation. Having our sins forgiven is better than and more important than a temporary healing or restoration of life. The goal of the Christian is resurrection.

The miracles of Jesus showed the power and compassion of God, but they were only a precursor to the fuller work that would come when Jesus' death and resurrection would break the bonds of sin that held God's people and creation captive.

Like the disciples, may you with wonder confess that Jesus is the glorious Christ. May you continually remember that you are in his powerful hands, and may your heart be filled with joy anew because of his grace.

As you prepare to teach, give thanks to God for the work he has done in your heart and life. And pray that the Holy Spirit will enable each child who listens to stories about Jesus' mighty signs to respond as the disciples did . . . with saving faith.



Bible Truth

When Jesus showed his glory by changing water to wine, the disciples put their faith in him.

Scripture

John 2:1–11



Lesson Focus

We will put our trust in Jesus, our powerful Savior.

Goals for the Children

- Learn that Jesus did miracles to show people he is God.
- Learn that Jesus did miracles so that people would trust him as God.
- Ask God to help them trust in Jesus.



Memory Minute

Jesus . . . revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

John 2:11