Preschool–Grade 6

Jesus Turns Water into Wine

Sunday School Lesson for Preschool (Ages 3–5), 20–30 minutes

Main point: Jesus can do great things. I do what Jesus says.
Bible passage: John 2:1–11. Read it yourself before class.
Memory verse: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus" *John 2:11 (KJV)*. A **miracle** is something only God can do. **This beginning of miracles** means His very first miracle.
You need: a Bible, 6 plastic cups or bowls, crayons, and one take-home sheet for each child.
Before class: put a bookmark in your Bible at John 2. Hide the 6 cups around the room.

1. Opening game: Find Six Pots (5 minutes)

Kids hunt for the hidden cups and bring them to you. Line them up and count them together: "One, two, three, four, five, six!" Say: "Six! Today we will hear a true story about six big water pots."

2. Bible story (5 minutes)

Hold up your Bible open to John 2. Say: "This story is true. It is in God's Word." Read each line slowly and do the motion. When you see **Say it with me**, the kids say the line back to you.

Jesus went to a wedding in a town called Cana (John 2:1–2). *(Wave hello.)*
Jesus' mother was there too (2:1). *(Point to a friend.)*
Oh no! They had no more wine (2:3). *(Shake your head.)*
Jesus' mother told the helpers to do whatever Jesus told them (2:5). *(Point up.)*
Say it with me: "Do what Jesus says!"
Six big stone pots stood there (2:6). *(Hold up six fingers.)*
Jesus said, "Fill the pots with water" (2:7). *(Pretend to pour water.)*
The helpers filled them up, up, up, to the very top (2:7)! *(Lift your hands higher and higher.)*
Jesus said, "Now dip some out. Take it to the man in charge" (2:8). *(Pretend to carry a cup.)*
The man tasted it. The water was made wine (2:9)! *(Open your eyes wide: "Wow!")*
Jesus did it! It was His very first miracle (2:11). *(Clap, clap, clap.)*
Say it with me: "Jesus can do great things!"
His disciples believed on Jesus. They trusted Him (2:11). *(Put your hand on your heart.)*
Say it with me: "I will do what Jesus says!"

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3. Questions to ask (3 minutes)

1. Where did Jesus go? *(To a wedding in Cana, John 2:1–2)*
2. How many big pots were there? *(Six, 2:6)*
3. What did the helpers put in the pots? *(Water, all the way to the top, 2:7)*

4. Memory verse (3 minutes)

Say: "The Bible says, 'This beginning of miracles did Jesus.' That means, 'This was the first miracle Jesus did.'" Teach the motions: hold up one finger on "This beginning," throw your hands open wide on "miracles," and point up on "did Jesus." Say the verse with the motions three times: in a normal voice, in a whisper, and in a happy loud voice. Then say "John 2:11" and clap three times.

5. What this means for us (3 minutes)

Say: "God loves you! Everyone has done wrong things. That is called sin (Romans 3:23). Jesus is God. He came to earth as a man (1 Timothy 3:16). Jesus died for our sins. He was buried. Then He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)! The Bible tells us what to do (Acts 2:38). We repent: we tell God we are sorry, and we stop doing wrong. We are baptized in Jesus' name, down under the water, and our sins are washed away. And God gives us the Holy Ghost. That is God's own Spirit in us. When people are filled with the Holy Ghost, they speak in other tongues, words God gives them (Acts 2:4)."
Pray with the kids, and encourage them to talk with their parents and pastor about being baptized in Jesus' name and filled with the Holy Ghost. Never pressure a child.

6. Activity: Six Big Pots (5–10 minutes)

Give each child a take-home sheet. In the drawing box, help them draw six big pots in a row. Then they color the water at the top of every pot blue, all the way up to the top. While they color, count the pots together and ask: "What did Jesus say to put in the pots? What did Jesus' mother tell the helpers?" *(Water, 2:7. "Whatever Jesus tells you, do it," 2:5.)*

7. Prayer

Say each line, and the kids say it after you:
"Dear Jesus, You can do great things.
Help me do what You say. In Jesus' name, amen."

Tips for little ones: keep the lines moving and do every motion with them. If they get wiggly, let them line up the six cups and count them again.

Told the Bible's way: this lesson tells the miracle in the Bible's own words: the water was made wine (John 2:9). Keep the focus on Jesus' power and on doing what Jesus says. If a child asks more, answer simply and let the parents know.

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