Lesson 8: The First Miracle of Jesus

John 2:1-11

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/8rFKubSJzG8

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/prwkKaWBKx0

Worship Theme: Jesus can do miracles.

Memory Verse: "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1:3)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God Is Awesome https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ

- 2. Our God Is So Strong https://youtu.be/VvrF94VKKHA
- 3. Jesus Is the Lord https://youtu.be/I-PzUIJ0MVo

Pray

Song: Select songs from the list above **Icebreaker:** Would You Like a Drink?



Materials Need: Coke in a bottle, milk carton (pour out the milk and fill the milk carton with cold Coke), cups

- 1. Explain to children that today we will talk about miracles. Ask them if they have ever seen a miracle (maybe they saw someone be healed from their sickness).
- 2. Can people do miracles, or can only God do miracles? Explain to the children that only God can do miracles because he is powerful.
- 3. Why do you think Jesus did miracles? He did miracles to show people that he was the Son of God.
- 4. Ask children if they're thirsty and would like something to drink. Start pouring them Coke. When Coke is gone, explain to the children that you don't have any more Coke but you have milk.



- 5. Then pour milk into their cups, but the children will see Coke coming out of the milk carton! Say, "Wow! It's like a miracle! I expected to see milk, but there is Coke in the milk carton! How can this be?" Let children answer.
- 6. Explain to the children that you can't do miracles, but Jesus can!

Introduction:

As you saw just now, Coke came out of a milk carton. That's like a miracle, but it's not, because I put Coke in the milk carton. But Jesus can do real miracles. What miracles do you hope Jesus would do in your life? (Let children answer.)

Bible Story:

One day Jesus was at a wedding. At this wedding, the bride and the groom ran out of wine, just as we ran out of Coke. In Jesus' time, it was a terrible, embarrassing thing to run out of wine at a wedding. It would have been like inviting people to your house for dinner, then running out of food before everyone was able to eat. Jesus' mother asked Jesus to do something about the problem. So Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim" (John 2:7).

Then Jesus told the servants, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet" (John 2:8). The servants did just as Jesus said. And the banquet master said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now" (John 2:10). What just happened? Jesus had turned the water into wine!

Can you imagine how shocked the servants must have been? They just served water, but everyone said it was the best wine! Jesus did this miracle to help the bride and the groom and to show that he was God's Son with power.

This was the very first miracle that Jesus did, and it amazed Jesus' followers. Even today when we hear about this story, we're amazed. God is the only one who can really do a miracle. This miracle showed that Jesus was God!

Questions to discuss:

- 1. What happened at the wedding? (They ran out of wine)
- 2. Who asked Jesus to do something about this? (Jesus' mother)
- 3. What did Jesus fill the jars with? (water)
- 4. What happened when the banquet master drank the water? (he said the bride and groom saved the best wine till now)
- 5. Can anyone think of any miracles that we need now? (Let the children answer)
- 6. Do you believe that God can do a miracle to transform your life to make you special for your community and country?

Memory Verse:

"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1:3)

Craft: Miracle Newspaper

Print the newspaper for the children (see below)

- 1. Ask the children to tell their friends about this amazing news of the first miracle of Jesus.
- 2. They have to draw a picture in the box (like having pictures in a newspaper) and write a short story on the lines to explain what happened and why this was important.
- 3. Then, children can write about their future dream, trusting that Jesus will do miracles in their lives.

Song: Select songs from the list above

Pray

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)
Jesus' participation in the wedding and celebration in Cana shows Jesus' desire to be involved in all aspects of our life—including times of joy and fun. Read John 2:8-10.
How was the transformation of water into wine like the transformation the Lord makes in us when we have a relationship with him? As you grow in your relationship with God, he will make you and transform you, more into his likeness. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the transformation you enjoy because of your relationship with the Messiah.

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