

# Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January  
Third Sunday of Epiphany

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the miracle of turning water into wine.

You can find it in your Bible in:  
**John 2 v 1–11**

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children’s story version which best suits your group.

## The other passages we might be thinking about at church this week are:

Genesis 14 v 17-20  
Psalm 128  
Revelation 19 v 6-10

## A prayer to say together

Dear God,  
Thank you for the story of Jesus turning Water into Wine. Thank you that this story shows us how much Jesus cares for his friends. Thank you that Jesus still cares for us and wants to help meet our needs today.

We pray for all those who have had wedding celebrations cancelled or postponed over the last few months that they would be comforted by you.

We pray for all those in the world who are struggling because they do not have the food or supplies that they need. God please would you be their provider.

Amen.

## Discussion

### A question for adults to ask children

*Why do you think Jesus demonstrated this miracle?*

John writes that this was the first miracle that Jesus performed. When Mary came to Jesus and asked him to help, Jesus said “My time has not yet come.” Jesus hadn’t come to the wedding so that he could perform a miracle, he had come with his followers to share in the marriage celebrations. Jesus must have felt pity for the people whose wedding it was that they had run out of wine for their guests, so he helped. This miracle shows us that Jesus cared for those he met and those he was friends with, it also shows how God loves to celebrate good time with us. We can share love and care with our friends and those close to us too.

### Some questions for children to ask adults

*Can you think of a time when you helped a friend or family member in need?*

### Bonus Question

Our verse to remember today is from Revelation the last book of the Bible where Jesus the lamb of God is with his bride the church. Why do you think God uses weddings as a picture of his relationship with the church?



## Family Activity 1

### Water into wine race

*You will need: ice cube tray, squash (preferably blackcurrant*



*Pre-freeze some squash into ice cubes, you will not want to fill them all the way as it will be too strong. If you don’t have ice cube trays you can freeze into the bottom of plastic cups.*

*When you are ready for your race give everybody a glass of water and then add an ice cube to each. (If using squash frozen in the bottom of a cup just add the water straight in)*

*Have a race and see who can turn their water into squash the fastest!*



## A verse to remember

Revelation 19 v 6–10

**Blessed are those who have been invited to the wedding meal of the Lamb!**

Try to learn this simple verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

## Family Activity 2

### Taste challenge

*You will need: a range of different drinks, blindfolds.*

Give everybody a blind fold (a scarf will work) and pass them each of the drinks to taste. Can they work out what they are drinking?

In the story the people were amazed when they tasted the wine that Jesus had made. Normally people used their best wine first and then moved onto less good wine. When they tasted Jesus' wine they said "you have saved the best wine till now".



## Party Prayers

Just like Jesus came to the wedding to celebrate with his friends, God loves to celebrate with us today.

Put on some music and dance around the room together, take it in turns to be in control of the music. When the music is paused everybody should stop dancing and shout out something to celebrate!

Then put the music back on and keep dancing!



## Helping Older Children

This is a great story to encourage children that God cares not just about our needs or our behaviour but about us having fun! Sometimes building a relationship with God might seem like a chore for older children with pressure put on them to read more of their Bible and pray every day. (We love them at Together at Home, but sometimes even a puzzle sheet can feel like homework!)

Encourage your child to think about how they enjoy spending time with their friends and consider how they can include God in their every day. Can they find ways to speak, share and celebrate with God in all that they do?



A colouring page you could print and colour together

# Revelation 19 v 6-10

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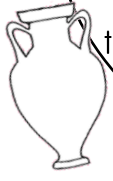


# PUZZLE SHEET



Can you work out the missing words?  
They are all made from the letters of the word **water**  
there are picture clues to help you

How many wine jars can you find hidden on the page?



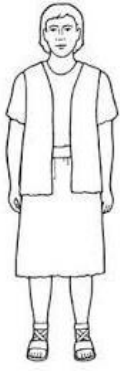
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Some ancient amphora (wine jars) had pictures and stories painted on them. Decorate this one with the story of the wedding at Cana.

The servant has been sent to fetch more wine. Which path should he follow?

a.

c.

b.

