

The Wedding at Cana

Storyteller: *Set Mary down in front of you (in a stand)* Mary, the mother of Jesus, was at a wedding feast in the village of Cana in Galilee.

John 2:1-11

Three days later Mary, the mother of Jesus, was at a wedding feast in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited and were there.

When the wine was all gone, Mary said to Jesus, "They don't have any more wine."

Jesus replied, "Mother, my time hasn't yet come: You must not tell me what to do."

Mary then said to the servants, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do."

At the feast there were six stone water jars that were used by the people for washing themselves in the way that their religion said they must. Each jar held about twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants to fill them to the top with water. Then after the jars had been filled, he said, "Now take some water and give it to the man in charge of the feast."

The servants did as Jesus told them, and the man in charge drank some of the water that had now turned into wine. He did not know where the wine had come from, but the servants did. He called the bridegroom over and said, "The best wine is always served first. Then after the guests have had plenty, the other wine is served. But you have kept the best until last!"

This was Jesus' first miracle, and he did it in the village of Cana in Galilee. There Jesus showed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.

Set Jesus down next to Mary (in a stand) Jesus and his disciples had also been invited and were there.

Add some disciples.

Show the children the empty cup: When the wine was all gone, Mary said to Jesus, "They don't have any more wine."

Jesus replied, "Mother, my time hasn't yet come: You must not tell me what to do."

Mary then said to the servants, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do."

Set out the six water jugs in a row to one side. At the feast there were six stone water jars that were used by the people for washing themselves in the way that their religion said they must. Each jar held about twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus told the servants to fill them to the top with water. *Pour water from the pitcher into the six jars.*

Then after the jars had been filled, he said, "Now take some water and give it to the man in charge of the feast."

The servants did as Jesus told them. *Ladle a little water from one of the jars into the empty cup.*

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Story Materials

- Jesus
- Mary
- Apostles
- 6 clay jars (can use terra-cotta plant pots, but have to seal the drainage hole with wax or epoxy)
- Small cup and small ladle
- Pitcher of Water