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Series: Jesus Is Our Helper
Winter Year 1, Lesson 37

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

Take Home Point: *JESUS HELPS US...*Give Jesus your problems.*

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson. The leader will say the first part of the phrase (CAPS). The children respond with the second part of the phrase (*italics*).

Bible Event: John 2: 1-11

We will help children know:

- The story of Jesus turning water into wine.
- We can take our problems to Jesus.
- Jesus want to help us.




We will help the children feel:

- Eager to share their problems with Jesus.
- Confident that Jesus will help them.
- Secure in Jesus' love for them.

We will help the children do:

- Interact with puppet presentation to introduce the Bible Event.
- Participate in the Bible event and help act it out.
- Craft: Discover what the hidden picture is.
- Snack: Eat a wedding feast.
- Game: Ping Pong Fling
- Teach Albie the Take Home Point: **JESUS HELPS US...*Give Jesus your problems.***
- Sing and Pray.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

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Large Group Opening 	3 4	Puppet Presentation Bible Event	<i>Puppet Presentation:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy puppet holding some flowers Bible <i>Bible Event:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imagination Box that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bible one 24" crepe paper streamer for each child headpieces for Jesus, Mary, and one servant clear pitcher with red powdered fruit drink in bottom white headpieces for bride and groom pitcher half filled with water Optional: party popper
Small Group Application 	8 9 10 11	Activity 1: Craft Activity 2: Snack Activity 3: Game Prayer Time	<i>Activity 1: Craft</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appendix A, 1 per child on card stock water paints small paintbrush per child white crayon cups with water for rinsing brush <i>Activity 2: Snack</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> napkins, cups and water pre-sweetened fruit drink powder small measuring spoon stir sticks or spoons for each child party treats of your choice (cake, ice cream, muffins, popcorn, etc.) and utensils needed to eat <i>Activity 3: Game</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> two ping-pong balls sheet or tablecloth
Large Group Wrap-up 	13 13	Singing (Optional) Lesson Review with Puppet Skit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> your choice of music Albie puppet Example of craft Example of snack

Pre-Session Singing (10 minutes)

Purpose: *When all children are in one group singing, it is easy for children arriving later to join the group and immediately get involved.*

Large Group Opening (15 minutes)



Purpose: *The puppet demonstrates today's lesson. The children are introduced to the take home point and experience the Bible event.*

Puppet Presentation

Supplies: Judy puppet holding flowers; Presenter holds a Bible

Presenter: Boys and girls, let's call Judy. (Children call "Judy".)

Judy: Hi everyone.

Presenter: Hello, Judy. Why are you holding some flowers?

Judy: I am going to be the flower girl in my aunt's wedding.

Presenter: That sounds like fun.

Judy: Well, I am not so sure about that.

Presenter: Why?

Judy: I am worried.

Presenter: What are you worried about?

Judy: Lots of things.

Presenter: Maybe I can help you, Judy. Tell me what worries you.

Judy: I am worried that I might forget what to do.

Presenter: You will have a practice to help you with that.

Judy: Oh, good. I am also worried that I will trip and fall in front of everyone.

Presenter: Judy, I think if you walk slowly, you won't trip.

Judy: Okay. But can I tell you my very biggest worry?

Presenter: Of course.

Judy: I am worried that I will be prettier than the bride and everyone will look at me and not her. That would make her sad.

Presenter: (tries to hide a chuckle) **Judy, I am sure you will be very pretty. Don't worry about being prettier than the bride. She will be very beautiful too.**

Judy: Well, I am still a little worried.

Presenter: **Judy, you will be just fine. I know someone who you can talk to about your worries.**

Judy: Who would that be?

Presenter: **You can talk to Jesus about any problems you have. You can give them to Jesus.**

Judy: Jesus would help me with my wedding problems?

Presenter: **Yes, he would. Do you know that Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding?**

Judy: Did he help the flower girl?

Presenter: **He helped everyone at the wedding.**

Judy: Wow! That sounds impossible.

Presenter: **Would you like to learn more about that Bible event?**

Judy: Yes, I like to hear about weddings.

Presenter: **First, let's practice the take home point. I'll say the first part and you say the second part.**

Judy: OK

Presenter: ***JESUS HELPS US... now you say, "*Give Jesus your problems.*"**

Judy: Give Jesus your problems.

Presenter: **Do you think you can teach the boys and girls?**

Judy: Sure.

Presenter: **Ok everybody, *JESUS HELPS US...**

Judy: (and everyone): Give Jesus your problems.

Presenter: **Wonderful. Say "goodbye" Judy.**

Judy: Bye everyone!

Bible Event: Imagination Theater

Supplies: pitcher half full of water; Imagination Box containing: Bible; clear pitcher with red fruit drink powder in bottom; 24" crepe paper streamers, one for each child; headpieces for Jesus, Mary and one servant; white headpieces for bride and groom; Option: one party popper

Presenter holds the Bible

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine

Take the Bible out of the Imagination Box.

Let's see what is in the Imagination Box today. Here is God's word and it's marked to a special Bible event in which Jesus helps people at a wedding. Jesus went to a wedding with his mother, Mary. At the wedding, they ran out of wine to drink. Mary didn't want the wedding to be ruined so she asked Jesus to help. Jesus told them to fill big jars with water. Something very special happened to the water. I wonder if you can figure it out.

We will need several actors to act this out.

I need someone to play Jesus, his mother Mary, a servant, a girl who can pretend she is the bride, and the man pretending to marry her. I have their costumes in the Imagination Box.

As children are called forward, let another assistant costume them and sit them offstage until you tell them to go onstage. Child playing servant will have pitcher half filled with water.

We also need the help of everyone else in the audience. In the Imagination Box, we have streamers for everyone. They will help you celebrate the wedding. Now imagine that you are all guests at a big wedding party. When I hold my streamer high over my head, wave it and say "Yay!" then you do the same. If I touch my hand to my cheek and say "Uh oh!" then you put your hand on your cheek and say, "Uh oh!" Let's practice. Practice each motion with the children.

Phrases that are underlined and italicized are to be repeated by the child actor or the audience. Point to the actor to show when it is his or her turn to speak.

Long ago in the town of Cana, a man and a woman were getting married. Everyone said, (Point to audience and wave streamer.) "Yay!"
Yay!

Motion actors Jesus, Mary and bridal couple to the stage.

They had a wedding party. Jesus and his mother were there. Everyone was having a fun time celebrating with the two people who were getting married. (Point to audience and wave streamer.) **Yay! Yay!**

There was dancing and music. There was lots of good food, and there was wine to drink. Wow, this is a fine wedding! (Point to audience and wave streamer.) **Yay! Yay!**

Until...(pause) they ran out of wine. (Touch cheek and point to audience.) **“Uh oh!” Uh oh!** **When they had a wedding party in Jesus’ day, they were never supposed to run out of food or wine. Everyone said,** (Touch cheek and point to audience.) **“Uh oh!” Uh oh!**

Jesus’ mother, Mary, was sad because she didn’t want to see the wedding ruined for the new husband and wife. She also said, (Touch cheek and point to audience.) **“Uh oh!” Uh oh!**

Where do you think Mary would go for help? Do you think she should go to Jesus? Do you think he could help her? You’re right! Mary asked Jesus for help. (Point to audience and wave streamer.) **Yay! Yay!**

Motion actor playing servant to stage.

Then Mary told the helpers there, “Do whatever Jesus says.” (Point to actor playing Mary.) **Do whatever Jesus says.**

At the wedding, there were six jars and they were this tall. Hold your hand five feet above the ground. Remove pitcher with powdered drink from Imagination Box and try to hide the powder in the bottom with your hand. **Let’s just imagine this clear pitcher is one of the jars and this is what happened.**

Jesus told the servant, “Put some water in these jars.” (Point to actor playing Jesus.) **Put some water in these jars.**

Have the child playing the servant pour water from pitcher with plain water into the pitcher with the powdered fruit drink in the bottom.

So, that is what the servant did, and a most wonderful thing happened.

The water turned into wine! And everybody said, (Point to audience and wave streamer.) **“Yay!” Yay!**

Then, the one in charge of the food and wine came and tasted it. He said, “This is the best wine we have ever had!” And everybody said, (Point to audience and wave streamer.) **“Yay!” Yay!**

Tell the servant to take imaginary cups to the characters so they can have a pretend drink.

Then, the servant brought a drink for the bride and groom to taste. He also brought some for Mary and Jesus. Everyone said it was wonderful. They looked at Jesus and said, (Point to audience and wave streamer.) “Yay!” Yay!

Option: “Explode” a party popper at this point to celebrate what Jesus did. Warn the children to cover their ears so they are not startled.

What can we learn from this Bible event when Jesus changes water into wine? We remember that *JESUS HELPS US – *Give Jesus your problems*, even if they are little problems.

We can always remember that Jesus gives us his power over our problems because he gave his life for us. When Jesus died on the cross, he really helped us. He took away our sin and gave us the power of his love in our lives. (Point to audience and wave streamer.) “Yay!” Yay!

Boys and girls, let’s practice the take home point together. I will say the first part and you repeat the last part. *JESUS HELPS US – *Give Jesus your problems*.

Let’s fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

**Dear God,
We love you.
Jesus helps us
with our problems.
Thank you, thank you, thank you.
In Jesus’ name.
Amen.**

Song:

Let’s sing our song of the week. (To the tune of *Frere Jaques*)

Capitalized letters indicate emphasis on that syllable when the rhyme is sung.

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YES he WILL.**

Small Group Application (30 minutes)



Purpose: Children will break into small groups. Smaller groups enable children to develop closer relationships with adults and peers in the church. In your small groups you will reinforce the take home point with a fun hands-on activity and discuss the Bible event. Review questions help kids apply the take home point to their daily lives.

Activity 1: Craft: Hidden Picture

Supplies: Copies of Appendix A copied on card stock, one per child; white crayon; watercolor paints; small paintbrush for each child; cups of water for rinsing brushes

Before class, draw a large cross in the middle of the page.

Boys and girls, this paper has a hidden picture on it. It shows the most important way Jesus has helped us with our problems. Give each child a paper. As you start painting, the hidden picture will appear.

After children are finished, ask: **What is the hidden picture? The best way Jesus helped us with our problems was by dying on the cross. He took away our sins, which are all the bad choices we make.**

Review the Bible Event.

What problem did the bride and groom have at their wedding? (They ran out of wine.)

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Activity 2: Snack: Wedding Feast

Supplies: napkins, cups, water; pre-sweetened powdered fruit drink; plastic spoon; stir sticks or spoon for each child; party treats of your choice (ice cream, cake, muffins; popcorn, etc.), utensils if needed

*****CAUTION:** *Be aware of food allergies children may have, before you give them anything to eat.*

Before we eat our snack, let's fold our hands and pray. Repeat after me.

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Boys and girls, today we are going to have a wedding party snack. It is so exciting to eat this very special food. (Give each child their snack and a glass of water.) Who drinks plain water at a wedding party? I think we can change it into something special. I have this special powder that will change your plain water into something very tasty. Take a spoonful out of the container and put it in your water. Now you can stir it with this stick. Now we have something special to drink with our wedding party snack.

Review the Bible event.

How did Jesus help the bride and groom at their wedding? (*He changed water into wine.*)

Let's practice the take home point. *JESUS HELPS US....Give Jesus your problems.

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Activity 3: Game: Ping Pong Fling

Supplies: sheet or tablecloth; two ping pong balls

Lay the sheet out flat. (If space is limited, the sheet can be laid out on your group's table.)

Boys and girls, today we are going to pretend to put our problems in a ping pong ball. We will take turns throwing the balls onto the sheet and naming a problem we have. Then we will fling the sheet up high and fling your problems (the ping pong balls) into the air to give them to Jesus. When the balls come down, someone else will have a turn to name their problem.

Have the children circle the sheet, grab an edge, and hold it in the air, horizontally.

Have the children take turns throwing the ping-pong ball(s) onto the sheet and naming problems. If the children can't think of the problems, suggest some ideas, such as:

- Being afraid of the dark
- Falling and hurting yourself
- Getting sick
- Losing favorite toy
- Being afraid of dogs
- Being teased by a bully
- Getting lost
- Fighting with a brother or sister

Review the Bible event.

What are some problems we might have? (Getting hurt, being afraid, getting sick, see list above.)

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Prayer Time:

How can we give Jesus our problems? (*By telling him our problems in prayer.*)

Ask children for prayer requests and pray as a group for child's request.

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Large Group Wrap-Up (10 minutes)



Purpose: The crazy bird puppet, Albie, struggles with learning the take home point. We try to teach him the take home point, but each time he confuses words or concepts. After three attempts, he finally gets it right.

Singing: (Optional, two or three songs, as time allows)

Supplies: Albie the puppet, sample of today's craft and snack.

Lesson Review with Puppet Skit

Presenter shows Albie an example of each of the Activities done in small group. Then the kids attempt to teach Albie the take home point.

Presenter: We want to welcome all our guests today and thank them for coming. (If you give guests a gift for coming, do it now.)

Presenter: Albie, look at the craft the children made today. The hidden picture appeared after we painted it. The children are going to teach you our take home point. Listen carefully.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS HELPS US...**

Kids say:

...Give Jesus your problems

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS HELPS US...**

Albie says:

I'm going to ride a school bus!



Presenter: Albie, look at the snack we ate. It looks like it came from a wedding. Now listen carefully to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS HELPS US....**

Kids say:

...Give Jesus your problems.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS HELPS US....**

Albie says:

I have a lot of problems to discuss.

Presenter: Albie, today we played a game called 'Ping Pong Fling'. Now, please listen closely to the take home point.

Presenter: (says to kids):

***JESUS HELPS US....**

Kids say:

....Give Jesus your problems.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS HELPS US....**

Albie says:

Why do you always make such a big fuss?

Presenter says:

"Albie, listen one last time.

***JESUS HELPS US....**

Kids response:

....Give Jesus your problems.

Presenter: (says to Albie):

***JESUS HELPS US....**

Albie's response:

(Warms up his singing voice with “*Mee, mee, mee, mee...*” and sings in a silly dramatic opera-like voice)
***JESUS HELPS US.....Give Jesus your problems.**

Presenter says to Albie: Good job, Albie!

Albie can leave stage or join in the prayer and song.

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Goodbye boys and girls. Remember that God loves you and he wants you to give Jesus your problems.

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