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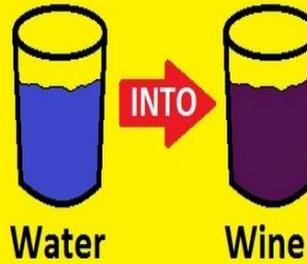
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Jesus Turns



## A MIRACLE THAT TEACHES GENEROSITY Jesus' First Miracle

*AT A MARRIAGE FEAST IN CANA OF GALILEE, JESUS PERFORMED HIS FIRST MIRACLE.*

*THE NUMBER OF GUESTS MAY HAVE BEEN GREATER THAN EXPECTED. - BUT WHATEVER THE CASE, THE WINE RAN OUT*

*AMONG THE GUESTS WAS MARY, JESUS' MOTHER.*

*FOR YEARS, SHE HAD NO DOUBT PONDERED ALL THE PROPHETIC PROMISES ASSOCIATED WITH HER SON, WHO SHE KNEW WOULD BE CALLED "SON OF THE MOST HIGH."*

*DID SHE BELIEVE THAT IN HIM THERE WERE POWERS NOT YET REVEALED?*

*WHAT IS EVIDENT IS THAT AT CANA, MARY & JESUS FELT COMPASSION FOR THE NEWLY MARRIED COUPLE & WANTED TO SAVE THEM EMBARRASSMENT*

*JESUS KNEW THAT HOSPITALITY WAS A DUTY.*

*SO HE MIRACULOUSLY TURNED SOME 100 GALLONS (380 L) OF WATER INTO "FINE WINE."*

*WAS JESUS OBLIGATED TO PERFORM THIS MIRACLE? NO.*

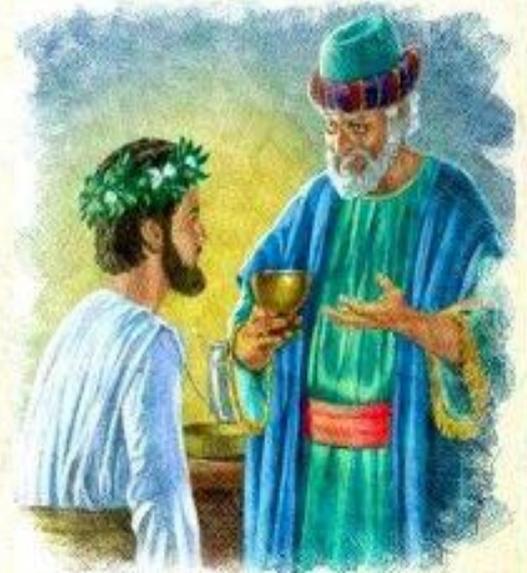
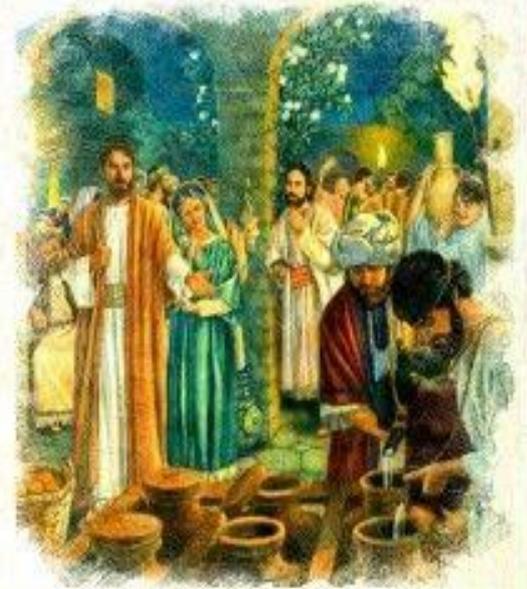
*HE SIMPLY CARED ABOUT PEOPLE & WAS IMITING HIS HEAVENLY FATHER BY BEING GENEROUS.*

So the angel said to her: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And look! you will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus. This one will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and Jehovah God will give him the throne of David his father." (Luke 1:30-32)

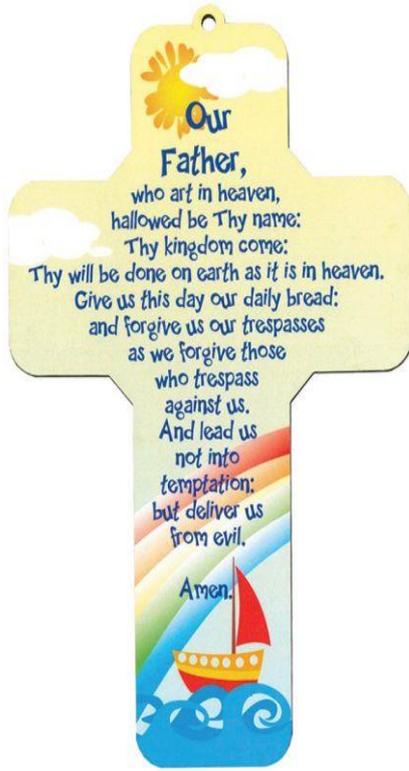
And Jesus went on progressing in wisdom and in physical growth and in favor with God and men. (Luke 2:52)

When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him: "They have no wine."

Now there were six stone water jars sitting there as required by the purification rules of the Jews, each able to hold two or three liquid measures. Jesus said to them: "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he said to them: "Now draw some out and take it to the director of the feast." So they took it. When the director of the feast tasted the water that had now been turned into wine, not knowing where it came from (although the servants who had drawn out the water knew), the director of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him: "Everyone else puts out the fine wine first, and when people are intoxicated, the inferior. You have saved the fine wine until now." Jesus did this in Ca'na of Gal'ilee as the beginning of his signs, and he made his glory manifest, and his disciples put their faith in him. (John 2:3, 6-11)



## Say a Little Prayer



### God's Love and Goodness

Dear God, when everything is going wrong I sometimes wonder why you let bad things happen.

But then you open my eyes to the majesty of your world, and I know once more that you are far greater than I can imagine, and I believe once more that your love and goodness will not be overcome. **Amen.**

### If You Love, You Will Be Loved

If you love, you will be loved.  
If you serve, you will be served.  
If you fear, you will be feared.  
If you do good to others, it is right that others should do good to you.  
Blessed is the one who truly loves and does not ask to be loved in return.  
Blessed is the one who serves and does not ask to be served.  
Blessed is the one who fears and does not ask to be feared.  
Blessed is the one who does good to others and does not ask that others do good in return.

### Obeying God's Laws

O Lord, I have heard your laws.

May I worship you.

May I worship you alone.

May all I say and do show respect for your holy name.

May I honour the weekly day of rest.

May I show respect for my parents.

May I reject violence so that I never take a life.

May I learn to be loyal in friendship and so learn to be faithful in marriage.

May I not steal what belongs to others.

May I not tell lies to destroy another person's reputation.

May I not be envious of what others have, but may I learn to be content with the good things you give me.

*Based on the Ten Commandments  
from Exodus 20*

### Please remember the sick in your prayers

Andrew Heard, Harry Smith, Jerome Bains, Albert Hill, Eva Hitchen, David Kerr, Dennis and Margaret Cooper, Janet Harding, Rita Harrison, Hazel Looker, Silvia Good, Melodi Kahya, John Lewis, Stephen Jones, Colin Evans, Janet Griffith, Alwyne Smith, Scott Dake, Amy Sharpe, Colin Hayes, Helen Birch, Margaret Cooper, Kathleen Burgess, Alan Wheeler, Ray Thorley, Margaret Lindop and Gwen Bickerton

### We thank God for the lives of those who have died:

Peter Pearce, John Barnett, Jeffrey Tomkinson and Shirley Anderson - remembering too all family and friends who will miss them.

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