

REFERENCES: JOHN 2:1-11; THE DESIRE OF AGES, PP. 144-153.

Jesus Goes to a Wedding

Do you like parties? Do you like to eat yummy food and play games with your family and friends? Jesus liked to have fun too! He liked to visit with His family and His friends.



esus and His friends were going to a party! No, it wasn't a birthday party. It was a wedding party. Where Jesus lived, when people got married, they had a party that lasted for many days! So they had lots of food to eat and juice to drink.

Some of Jesus' family were at this wedding party. Mary, His mother, was there. She had helped plan the party. And some of Jesus' special friends were there too.

Everyone was having fun, but the people who

Memory Verse

"Burst into songs of joy together." ISAIAH 52:9, NIV.

The Message

Jesus wants us to have fun with our family and friends. planned the party were worried. The servants came to Mary and may have said, "All the juice is gone! What shall we do? The party will be ruined. The bride and groom will be so embarrassed!"

What can I do? Jesus' mother may

have wondered. She turned and saw Jesus. Quietly she went to Him and said, "The juice is all gone!"

Jesus looked around. He saw some big water jugs. He spoke quietly to the servants, "Go fill the big water jugs with water."

They were puzzled. What good would that do? they wondered. But they did as Jesus said.

When all the jugs were full, Jesus said to the servants, "Take some to the person in charge of the party."

The men poured some of the water into a cup—except it wasn't water anymore! It was JUICE! Good, sweet, grape juice! Now there would be enough juice for the party!

The servants took a nice cool glass of the juice to the man in charge of the party. He probably tasted it, then drank it all. "Mmmmm, this is such good juice!" he may have said to the bridegroom. "Most people serve the best juice at the beginning of the wedding feast.

But you have saved the best until last!"

The servants were excited! Jesus' mother and His friends were pleased. And the bride and groom were happy too.

Jesus' friends began to talk among themselves about the miracle juice. This was Jesus' first miracle. And they had seen His amazing power. What would they see in the days ahead?

Jesus showed love to the bride and bridegroom, to His mother, and to His friends. The happy times you have with your friends and family are special to Jesus too. Jesus wants us to have fun with our family and friends.

Do and Say

SABBATH

Ask your child to use motions as you review the memory verse this week (crouch on the floor and jump up with arms raised).

Drink some juice as you talk together about this week's story.

Talk about things that make Jesus laugh. Talk about things that make you laugh.

SUNDAY

Read the story and show your child your wedding photos.

Have your child name different kinds of juice. Which is their favorite? Sing a thank-You song; then thank Jesus for good juice.

Help your child give the doorknob hanger made in Sabbath School to someone today.

MONDAY

Read John 2:1-11 together. Ask: Why do you think Jesus made more juice?

Have your child close their eyes, take a sip of water, then a sip of juice. Ask: Can you tell the difference?

Sing a happy family song before prayer.

TUESDAY

Help your child create an invitation for Jesus to come to Friday

dinner. Remember: Jesus wants us to have good times with our family and friends. Talk about a special occasion your child remembers as a happy time. Sing a happy family song; then thank Jesus for your family.

WEDNESDAY

For family worship, select and read one or two paragraphs from *The Desire of Ages*, chapter 15 ("At the Marriage Feast").

Help your child invite a friend to your Friday evening meal.

Practice the memory verse together in front of a mirror, using your happiest faces.

THURSDAY

With your child's help, plan the menu for Friday evening. Count how much you need of various items.

Act out turning water into juice by putting a few drops of food coloring into a clear glass of water. Does it taste like juice? Who is the only one who can turn water into juice?

FRIDAY

Help your child make place cards for your dinner guests. Make one for Jesus too.

Act out the Bible story. Sing a happy song; then thank Jesus for happy times.