

A Party in Cana (Based on John 2:1-11)

Did you ever think that Jesus would be invited to a party? Well, he was. Jesus and his disciples were invited to a wedding in Cana, a town a few miles north of Nazareth, where Jesus grew up. His mother Mary was also invited to the wedding. In Jesus' day, the wedding and the wedding party could go on for seven days, maybe even longer. Sometime during this wedding party, the wine ran out. This was a tragedy since everyone drank wine, and it was expected at a big celebration like this.

Jesus' mother went to Jesus. "Jesus," she said, "the groom has run out of wine."

"Woman," said Jesus, "that has nothing to do with me. It is not my time to do something here."



But Jesus' mother ignored what he said. She turned to the servants who were pouring the wine and said, "What he tells you, do it." Then she walked away to join the guests.

The servants looked at Jesus. Jesus looked at the servants. By a wall were six large stone jars. Each one could hold 20 or 30 gallons of liquid. Finally, Jesus said to the servants, "Fill those jars with water."

As you can imagine, it took a while to fill the jars with water. When all six jars were full of water, Jesus said, "Dip some water from a jar and take it to the man in charge of the wine for this party."

One of the servants dipped some water and went off to find the man in charge of the wine. When the man tasted it, he smiled. It was delicious! Of course, this man didn't know where the wine came from, but the servant knew.

The man in charge of the wine dashed over to the groom. He said, "Everyone serves the best wine at the beginning of the party. After the guests have had much to drink, they serve the cheap wine that isn't so good. But you have saved your best wine for now, in the middle of the party!"

Jesus' disciples had watched all this take place. They knew their master, Jesus, had done a miracle, and they believed in him.

Good Gifts Puzzle

Directions: Use the key to decode each word below to reveal some of God's good gifts that Jesus brings to us.

Key:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
7	13	17	22	2	20	26	3	23	10	19	9	1	18	16	14	24	5	25	11	21	8	15	12	6	4

