

The Gospel at Home

This Week's Gospel: John 2:1-11

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus begins his public ministry at a wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. He saves the groom some embarrassing moments by providing a fresh supply of wine. Jesus demonstrates that he brings people together in joy and that he uses human events to convey his message that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Exploring the Gospel Message

Seeds (Preschool): Your child's feelings of love, security, and trust stem from experiences in your family. This week in class the lesson helped your child understand that he or she belongs to a family and to appreciate the love and concern there. Take time this week to talk together about the experiences you all share, and be especially aware of what your young child needs from you. Have your child show you the drawing from page 4 of the lesson.

Promise (Grades K-1): This week your child explored the ways he or she makes a difference to family and friends. Your child learned about Jesus' blessing a young bride and groom with his presence. This is a good week to share how your family shows the love and care that Jesus expressed by saving the wedding couple from embarrassment. Have your child tell you the story, "Michael Brings Joy," from this week's lesson.

Good News (Grades 2-3): This week your child learned about the Seven Sacraments. Encourage your child to share what each of the sacraments means. As a family, share experiences of receiving the sacraments or how the sacraments are part of your life as a family. Your child may be preparing for First Communion; plan ways for the whole family to join in the preparation.

Venture (Grades 4-6): Your young person's class learned how the sacraments offer Jesus' loving and healing actions. Starting with the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana, the class saw how Jesus used a sign to make a difference in people's lives and to form a community. What are the welcoming, healing, and loving signs your family shares with others? Ask your youngster to teach the "Sacramental Life" game to the family, and play it together.

Visions (Grades 7-8): This week's lesson used the Gospel of the Wedding at Cana to teach about all the sacraments. Your youngster talked about the ways that the sacraments make our faith visible. Ask your youngster to share the symbols, words, and gestures of the sacraments with the family. Talk together about what the sacraments mean for your family. How can you help one another participate regularly in Eucharist and Reconciliation? How have the other sacraments made an impact on your family?

Pray Together

Try to join in a morning or evening prayer together each day for a week. The prayer does not have to be formal, structured, or long. Say a special prayer in your own words for all the weddings that will occur this week that God may bless the couples and keep them faithful, safe, and loving.

