



a Kendall Hunt Company

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, Primary - RCLB Lectionary



Primary Session

John 2:1-11

Opening Prayer

Let us pray.

Loving God, thank you for giving us signs of your love.

Help us to recognize and celebrate your presence with us.

In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

Opening Life Reflection

The main topic for today's session is the sacrament of marriage. Provide paper and crayons for each child. Begin the session by inviting the children to draw a picture of a party or a celebration. Discuss:

- What are some of the decorations at your party?
- What kind of food and drinks are at your celebration?
- Who did you invite?
- What are you celebrating?

Allow time for discussion. It is good to celebrate important occasions. Jesus liked to celebrate with his family and friends. Jesus worked his first miracle at a wedding celebration.

Listening to the Word of God

In the Gospel reading Jesus goes to a wedding celebration. Listen to find out what happens.

Read John 2:1-11.

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Allow for silence.

Scripture Discussion Starters

- Where is the wedding?
- Who was invited?
- What do the bride and groom run short of at the celebration?
- What does Jesus' mother do?
- What does Jesus do?
- What happens to the water that was put into the jars?
- How do the disciples respond to what Jesus did?

Scripture Background

Provide 2-3 minutes of background information on the gospel using the Catechist Background section.

In today's Gospel Jesus attends a wedding celebration with his mother and his friends. During the celebration Jesus' mother notices that there is no more wine. Knowing that this could be embarrassing for the bride and groom, she brings the situation to her son's attention. Jesus listens to his mother. Even though he tells her that his time has not yet come, Jesus tells the servers to fill the jars with water. The water is then changed into wine and the celebration goes on. This Gospel describes one of Jesus' first signs that he is the Messiah. As a result of this miracle at the wedding in Cana, the disciples believe in Jesus.

Questions for Deeper Reflection

- What do two people celebrate when they get married?
- Have you ever been to a wedding celebration?
- What is your favorite occasion to celebrate?

[If you are not going to continue with the doctrinal discussion, proceed to the Gospel in Life.]

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Doctrinal Discussion Starters

The Sacrament of Marriage

Love brings us happiness. Love comes from God. The Catholic Church teaches that because married couples love each other, they reflect the love of God. Marriage is part of God's plan in creation. Jesus showed us the goodness of love in marriage when he worked a miracle at the wedding in Cana.

Marriage is a Sacrament when two baptized persons make a lifelong promise to love and respect each other. When two people are united in this way God is present. It is the love and grace of God that helps married couples to love one another.

- How does God help you to love others?
- Where do you see signs of God's love?

The Gospel in Life



Make a card for a married couple that you know. Tell them the story of the Wedding at Cana.

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