CONFERENCE CURRICULUM
YEAR 1 – Refreshed by God

Day 5: God Gives in Good Times

Overview:

Key Focus: God has good things for you, even when you are in a good place

Bible Story: Jesus turns water into wine

Scriptures: John 2:1-11

Week's Memory Verse:

Psalm 34:8 Taste & see that The Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

Lesson:

It is our last day of our camping trip! We have been having a wonderful time getting to know God more as a God who refreshes you all of the time! He's been our restoration from the very beginning. He's taken care of us when we are in need, when we are scared, and even when we do not expect it! God wants to refresh and restore no matter what is happening around you! God does not just want the best for us sometimes. He does not want just want the best for us when we are in desperate

need. God wants the best for us ALL of the time! When we are sad and when we are happy!

Even when God sees that we are happy and healthy, He still is moving in our lives. Which reminds me of a story about Jesus at a wedding. Have you ever been to a wedding? Weddings are a wonderful time filled with love, laughter, and celebration. Jesus went to a wedding one time! In fact, Jesus's very first miracle was at a wedding! Let's read about it! Today our story can be found in John 2:1-11.

Jesus, his disciples, and Jesus's mother, Mary were all invited to a wedding at Cana in Galilee. When people get married, their friends and families like to celebrate together! Everyone at this event was celebrating with a big meal, music, and dancing. But the family was so busy with their party, they did not realize that an issue had come up. They were eating and drinking so much that they ran out of wine! The family grew disappointed because they were having such a great time and they did not want it to stop! Mary, Jesus's mother, had an idea! She knew that Jesus could help! Mary asked Jesus if He could help the family. Then she called over the servants who were working at the wedding. *"His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'"* John 2:5.

Jesus told the servants to gather six stone jugs that were nearby and fill them to the brim with water. The servants did as they were told. Then, Jesus told them to draw some out and give it to the master of the banquet. And the servants got a cup, filled it with water, and gave it to the master. When the master sipped the water, he was amazed! The water was not water anymore. It was wine! The master had no idea what happened or where the wine could have come from. He even thought that maybe the bride and groom had been hiding it and waited to bring it out. And he said, *"Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."* John 2:10. So not only was the water turned into wine, but it tasted better than any of the wine they had been drinking this whole time!

This was the first miracle the disciples had ever seen Jesus perform. He did something none of them had ever seen before. This was impossible for just any man to do. After they saw this miracle, the disciples knew that the man they chose to follow was the son of God!

This wedding was a joyous time! No one was sad or sick. Everyone was having a great time. The only issue was that they ran out of wine! This story is so good because it shows us that God wants to continue giving us good things even when we are already in a happy place. You might be in a part of your life where there is nothing going bad. You are healthy and have what you need. But that does not mean that

God is keeping anything from you. He always wants to restore you, help you, and share with you!

At the start of our camping trip, we talked about how God gave us everything that we need from the very beginning. We can live every day knowing that he's already taking care of all of our needs. In this story, it seems like no one was in need, scared, or upset. They were just so happy about their friends getting married! Jesus took care of their needs anyway! God wants us to live in his perfect peace, when we are sad, scared, or happy. When our situations are bad or when they are good. God loves you, and you can trust him with your whole life!



Pop Quiz!

Let's see how much you remember about today's story! You can ask these questions in groups, as a whole class, or pass out the questions on an activity sheet.

- Where did we read our story from today? (John 2:1-11)
- Where was Jesus? (In Cana, at Galilee)
- What was Jesus celebrating? (A wedding)
- Who was Jesus with? (The twelve disciples and His mother, Mary)
- How were people celebrating at the wedding? (There was a big meal, drinks, music, and dancing.)
- What was the issue that came up during the wedding? (They ran out of wine)
- Who thought that Jesus could help? (His mother, Mary)
- Who was told to listen to Jesus? (The servants who were working)
- What did Jesus tell them to do? (Fill six stone barrels with water and then fill a cup)
- Who got the cup of water first? (The master of the banquet)
- What happened to the water the master drank? (It turned into wine)
- Did the master like the wine? (Yes! He said it was better than any of the other wines they had been drinking!)
- Where did the master think the wine came from? (He thought the bride and groom had been hiding it before and that they just brought it out)

- Who turned the water into wine? (Jesus)
- What did the disciples think of the miracle? (It showed them Jesus was the son of God)
- Was anyone in need at the wedding? (No, they were happy!)
- Does God only take care of you when you are sad or scared? (No!)
- When does God want to refresh us? (All of the time!)