

# 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 learns from, with, and through your family. His or her 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.

**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. Let your child talk about what he or she experienced in attending a wedding.

**Good News (Grades 2-3):** 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 child'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 child 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 child looked up scriptural passages to create a sacramental journey. Ask your youngster to share it with the family and to explain the symbols. 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 prayer or an 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 the faithful, safe, and loving.