



Cana: The Six-Jar Surprise

An illustrated family read-aloud from John 2:1-11 in the King James Version.

JOHN 2:1-11 - KING JAMES VERSION

Read slowly and notice together

This storybook follows John 2:1-11. Quoted Scripture uses the KJV. The narration explains the scene without pretending to know details John does not give.

TRY THIS

Let one person read the story and another find each verse in a Bible.

WONDER HONESTLY

Questions are welcome. Say 'the passage does not tell us' when it does not.

A marriage in Cana



On the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been called to the marriage. It began as an ordinary human celebration - meals, guests, work, and welcome.

Invited guests

"And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage."

John 2:2 KJV

Jesus did not arrive as a performer waiting for attention. He was an invited guest. His disciples were with him, watching and learning.

A need becomes known

**"And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him,
They have no wine."**

John 2:3 KJV

The celebration faced a shortage. Mary brought the need to Jesus in a few plain words. John does not tell us how the shortage happened or what Mary expected next.

Mine hour is not yet come

"Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come."

John 2:4 KJV

Jesus' reply reminds us that he acts according to his own purpose and timing. The story does not invite us to treat him as a magician controlled by another person's request.

Do whatever he says



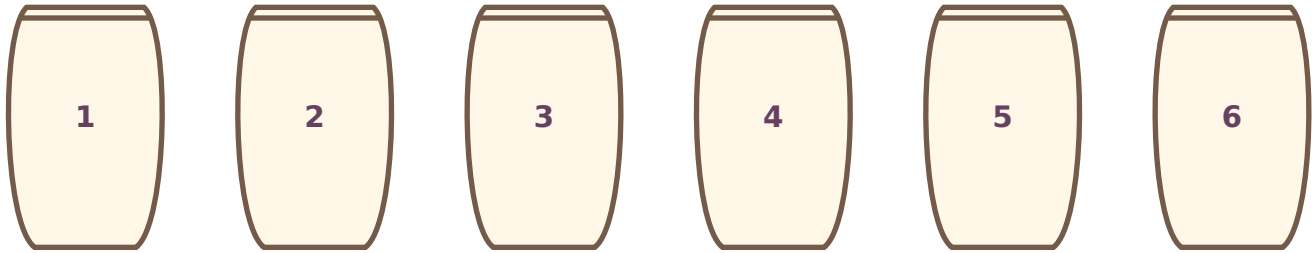
"His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it."

John 2:5 KJV

SCENE 6

Six waterpots of stone

They were there after the manner of the purifying of the Jews.



Count the jars aloud: one, two, three, four, five, six.

John says each contained two or three firkins. He does not give a modern gallon total.

Filled to the brim



"Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim."

John 2:7 KJV

Draw out now, and bear

And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it.

1

Hear what Jesus says

2

Fill the waterpots

3

Draw some out

4

Carry it to the governor

The servants carried what Jesus told them to carry. They obeyed before they could explain the result.

The servants knew



The governor tasted the water that was made wine. He did not know where it came from. The servants which drew the water knew. He called the bridegroom.

The good wine kept until now

"And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now."

John 2:10 KJV

The governor spoke from what he tasted. John lets the reader know the deeper source of the sign.

The beginning of miracles

"This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him."

John 2:11 KJV

The story ends by pointing beyond the feast. Jesus manifested his glory. His disciples believed on him.

Alice's quiet question



Alice wonders: If the servants had stopped after listening, the jars would still have been empty. What truthful, kind instruction can you put into action today?

REMEMBER

We do not earn miracles by behaving well.

PRACTICE

We obey because Jesus is trustworthy, even when the ending is not visible yet.