

Jesus Creates Wine to Bless a Marriage, His First Miracle

About 4 minutes, from John 2:1-12

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Headwaiter

Servant

Mary

Voice (of Jesus)

Prompter Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Anyone who wants to take part. Echoes need no script.

Headwaiter I am the headwaiter that is responsible for this grand wedding feast. Servant, is everything is ready? The guests have arrived.

Servant Yes, sir. We have prepared everything well.

Headwaiter I hope so. The bridegroom invited Jesus, his mother and His disciples.

Servant This must be the grandest celebration ever held in Cana of Galilee.

Prompter & Echoes A lavish party!

Headwaiter Look. Everyone is eating and drinking a lot!

Mary I am so glad the bridegroom invited us!
Mr. Headwaiter, you are providing a wonderful banquet!

Headwaiter Yes. The bridegroom is a generous host.

Mary Oh! That servant looks worried. I wonder what is wrong.
Friend, can I help you?

Servant More people have come than we servants had expected,
and the wine has run out. What a disaster!

Mary Oh no!

Servant The bridegroom will be furious.

Prompter & Echoes How embarrassing!

Headwaiter What? No wine? This shames all of us, especially the bridegroom.
What is a wedding party without wine?

Prompter & Echoes More wine!

Mary You will need a lot more wine. I will speak to my son Jesus.
He might know what to do.
(*To Voice*) Son, the wine has run out.

Voice Dear woman, what has that to do with me?
My hour has not yet come.

Servant What did Jesus mean?
Why did He not do what his mother Mary asked?

Mary Go to Jesus yourself, directly, and do whatever he says.

Headwaiter Servants, do what Mary told you. Go to Jesus.
She is not a mediator between Jesus and us.

Servant Jesus, we have run out of wine.

Voice Fill those six huge stone pots over there with water.

Headwaiter But who wants to drink water at a wedding feast?

Mary Do as Jesus said.

Servant We have filled the pots up to the brim with water.
(Pretend to pour water from a jug.) Hey! Look at it!
The water has turned red! Let me taste it!
(Pretend to dip out some and taste it.) It is wine! Wow!

Prompter & Echoes The very best!

Mary Take some to the Headwaiter.

Headwaiter Well now! This is excellent wine! The best ever!
I must congratulate the bridegroom.

Servant Here he comes now.

Headwaiter Sir, others serve the good wine first,
and when the people have drunk freely,
then they bring out the poorer wine;
but you have kept the good wine until now.
Well done! God has blessed your marriage!

Prompter & Echoes Jesus' first miracle!