

Week 10

Theme : Mary, Mary – God is here today and doing great things.

Opening prayer: Use the alternative Lord's Prayer to start your session (see resources)

Islands : You need **4 Skittles or bean bags (different colours) , 4 balls (same colour as skittles) 1 bag to keep the balls in , 1 whistle.** Place the 4 skittles in each corner. These are islands. Children run around the outside of the four islands in a clockwise direction until leader shouts "CHANGE DIRECTION" they must run the other way round. When you blow the whistle, they must go and stand next to one of the islands. Have a few trial runs. Then, next time you blow the whistle, pull out a coloured ball from the bag and all children standing by that colour have a forfeit5 press ups, star jumps etc. The next time you blow the whistle and pull a ball from the bag, the children at that island are out. Alternate between forfeits and being out.

Step up to the mic ! : Have a mini talent competition with groups of children singing or dancing to popular chart songs or safer perhaps, miming to songs on CD you have brought along. Children may need lyrics written out. Give points to all those brave enough to take part. Mary Mary's hit single "Shackles" would be a good one !

Memory verse : Hebrews 13 : 8, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.*" Divide the verse in 6 parts. Write each section onto one of the water pot templates from the resources. You need 6 pots for each team. Line the pots up with the verse in the wrong order. Teams have to unscramble the verse.

Introduction: From the profile pack, read about the gospel duo Mary, Mary

Story – John 2 v 1-11, *The wedding at Cana* . Tell the story using hot seating (see resources) . Have a chair ready. Allocate parts to other leaders or confident Kingsquaders (preferably in advance.) Each character sits in the chair in turn and tells their part of the story keeping in character throughout . As each character tells their part of the story, the children are allowed to ask questions to establish what the character felt about the miracle. Try to bring out how disastrous it would have been if there had been no wine for the party. Suggested characters : Mary, disciple, bride, servant.

Application : Ask the children for examples of God working today. God still works miracles. This is a good opportunity to share testimony. Look for examples in the world wide church that God is at work now.

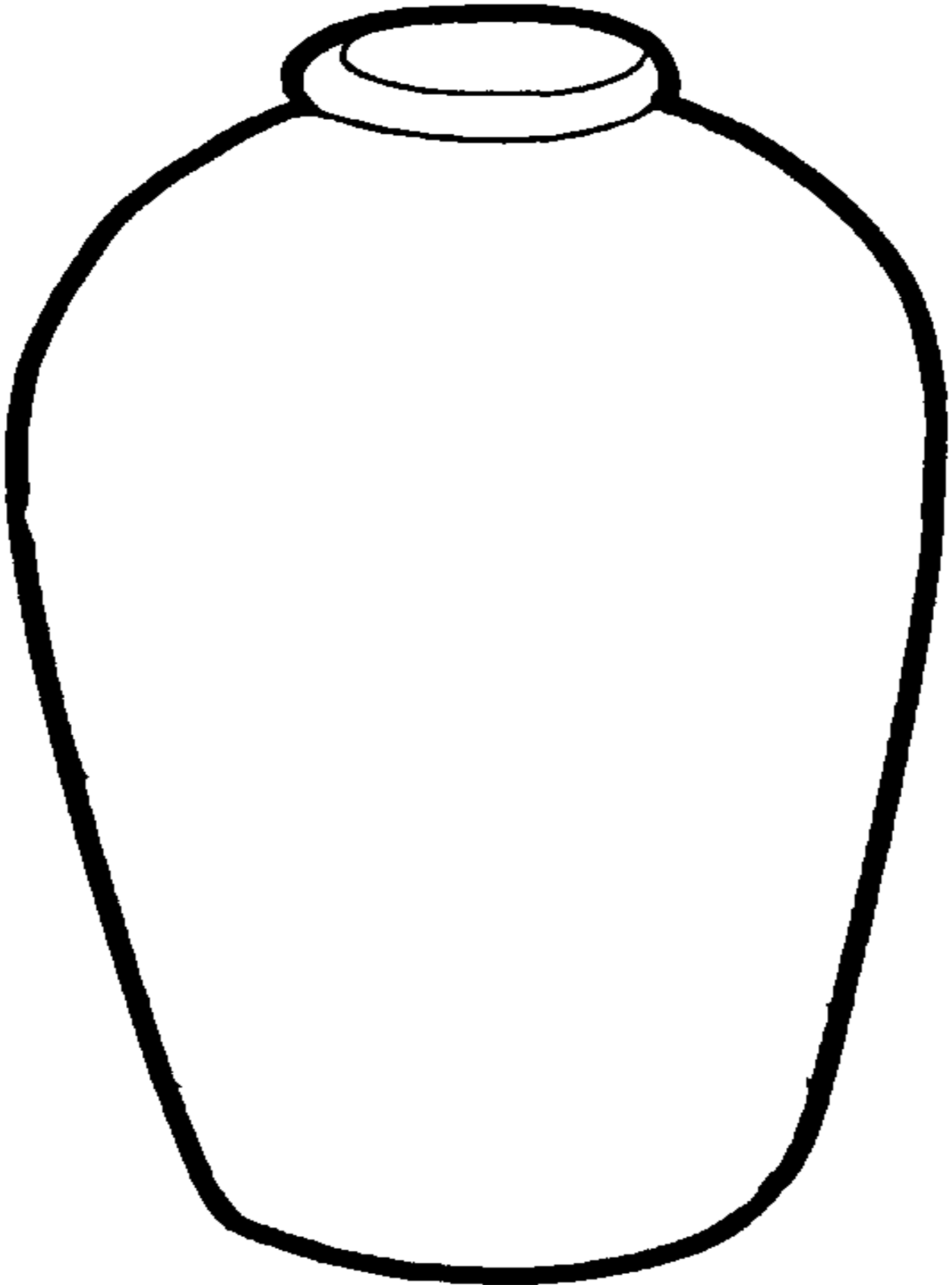
Prayer: Provide a focal point of a glass of water and a glass of "wine" (coloured water or juice) . Say that Jesus loves to change disasters into miracles, to change really bad times into really good times. Ask the children to pray now for people or places who are going through a bad time, asking Jesus to turn those situations into great times.

Craft – Children are all given a piece (pieces) of a picture and an A5 sheet to copy it onto. Reassemble the picture to create a Kingsquad masterpiece ! See instructions in the resources.

Song: Try and get a copy of Mary Mary's song "Shackles" . It is very catchy and was a huge hit . Provide the words and let the children dance and sing.

Resources – Lord's Prayer, water pot template, hot seating, craft instructions and fun sheet are in the resources.

Week 10: Memory verse template



Week 10 : Hot seating story resource

Mary: I am at a wedding in Cana. My son Jesus is there with some of his followers. The bride looks beautiful. It brought a tear to my eye when the happy couple made their marriage vows. We are now enjoying a wedding feast. The food is delicious. The servants are just bringing the wine around when it runs out. No one wants to say anything to our hosts. After all, it is very embarrassing. But I am sure my boy can do something about it. In fact, I know he can. Jesus now grown up has just started his ministry and soon people will know that he is the one they have been waiting for all these years. He is God's son after all. "Jesus," I beckon and he comes over. I tell him the wine has run out but Jesus says the time isn't right to reveal his God-given powers. But I catch the servant's eye and call him over anyway. I point to my son Jesus and tell the servant, "Do whatever that man tells you."

Servant: The wedding feast is going brilliantly. The guests are happy. My master is happy, the bride and groom are happy and that means I am happy. I am just refilling the wine glasses when disaster strikes. The wine runs out. I feel the blood draining from my face. I know there is no more wine. How can we have miscalculated? My Master is going to be so angry and so embarrassed. Goodness knows how we'll be punished. Probably a beating. So there I am worrying about telling my Master the wine is all gone when one of the guests calls me over and tells me to do whatever her Son tells me to do. I am a bit doubtful but I'll give anything a go to avoid being in trouble with my boss. This Jesus chap tells me to fill the jars with water. There are six huge jars in the corner all able to hold 100 litres. I fill them with water like Jesus tells me but I don't think I am going to fool anyone. Water IS NOT wine. Even if the guests have been drinking wine all afternoon, they are not going to believe that water is wine. Jesus tells me to pour some for my boss. My knees are knocking. My boss is being asked to taste water! So I give him a cup and he brings it to his mouth and swallows it. And a great big grin comes over his face. He congratulates me. He congratulates the bridegroom. Usually, the best wine is served first and the cheap stuff left 'til later when everyone has drunk too much to notice but my boss says it is the best wine he has ever tasted. This Jesus fellow is a miracle maker!

Bride : What an amazing day! A wedding and a miracle in one day. The feast had been going so well. All our friends and well wishers have been so kind and wanting the best for us on our wedding day but half way through the feast I see the servants getting a bit agitated and whispering in the corners. I realise that something is wrong. I think it is the wine. Then Mary, from the village, calls over her son and then the servant and next thing I know, the empty jugs from the corners are being filled with water. Jesus then tells the servant to pour some out and the most wonderful tasting wine is poured out. Water turned into wine. My father is overjoyed and congratulated my new husband for saving the best wine 'til last. If only he knew that this was Jesus' doing, not ours!

Disciple: I could tell Jesus was a bit reluctant to show he could do it. After all we had only been together a short while and even though I knew there was something special about him when he called me from my fishing nets, even I hadn't expected to see him perform this miracle. His mother Mary obviously knew he could do it or she wouldn't have sent the servant over to him. But even if the time wasn't right for Jesus, he instructed the servant to fill the empty pots with water. I watched the water go in but rich bodied and fragrant wine came out! There is no other word for it – a miracle and the first I have seen. I, for one, am more convinced than ever now that Jesus is special and I am glad I have put my trust in him. It just makes me even more excited about the future and being with Jesus.

The Lord's Prayer

Father God, you're great!

(thumbs up)

I want you to be in charge here

(point to the sky)

Please give us what we need

(bring arms in towards chest)

**I'm sorry, forgive me and
help me to forgive others too**

(put hands together as though you're praying and then
open arms out as if you're including others)

**Keep me safe and don't let me
Give in to doing wrong things**

(give yourself a hug)

You're wonderful and you always will be

(big circle with arms)

Yessss!

(raise arms to the sky)

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Can you find the words from the story of The Wedding at Cana in this word search. The story comes from John 2 : 1-11

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 U E K G A L I L E E K L E U D
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 A A B R I D E G R O O M P D S

Jesus Christ is the

same yesterday, today

and forever.

Hebrews 13 v 8

wedding	faith	best	last	Cana
Galilee	tasted	bridegroom	filled	glory
wine	disciples	servants	master	water
saved	banquet	signs	jars	miraculous



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Fill in the missing words ...

One day there was a _____ in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. Jesus and his disciples were guests also. When they started to run out of _____ at the wedding banquet, his mother told him, "They're just about out of wine." She then told the _____ to do whatever Jesus told them to do. There were some water _____ there which held about 100 litres. Jesus told the servants. "Fill the pots with _____." And so they filled them to the brim. "Now fill your pitchers and take them to the master of the banquet." Jesus said. When the master of the banquet tasted it, the water had been _____ to wine. He was amazed at how good it tasted. "Most people serve the _____ wine first and when the guests have had too much to drink, they bring out the _____ wine ; but you have saved the best until last!"

Choose from :

best changed cheap pots
 servants wedding water wine