

MIRACLES OF JESUS – CHANGING WATER INTO WINE

Teaching point: God cares not only about the big events in the world but also about each one of us.

Games: Clothing relay: Divide Kingsquad into two teams. Each team chooses a volunteer to be dressed-up. Have two sacks of assorted “Wedding clothes” – hats, ties, shoes etc. One person from each team runs to collect an item from their sack, runs back to their team and puts the item on the volunteer. The next person runs to collect something and so on until the winning team has emptied their sack and their volunteer is wearing everything from it.

Musical Islands: Each child stands on a piece of newspaper (island). When the music starts the children dance round the room whilst the leaders gradually remove pieces of paper. When the music stops each child must be fully on an island. If even a toe is in the water they are out! Children are allowed to share islands but mustn't push others off! When a child is out they can help collect the newspaper pieces.

Leader of the orchestra: Sit in a circle. One child is chosen to be the “guesser” and goes out. A “leader” is chosen who has to pretend to play a musical instrument. Everyone else in the circle has to copy them. The “leader” keeps changing the instrument being played; everyone else has to follow. The “guesser” returns and has three guesses of who the “leader” is. Once right, two new people are chosen.

Introduction: Enlarge the sad worried face, found in resources, onto A3 paper. Explain that God feels sad when we forget to share our lives with Him. Invite the children to write their fears or worries around the worried face. Explain that God really cares about every aspect of their lives.

Story: The Wedding at Cana – John 2 verses 1-11 Read the story from a children's Bible or let the children act it out. Give them each a glass of water and then add blackcurrant squash so they can pretend they are Wedding guests!

Application: Just as God cared how the bride and groom's family would feel when they ran out of wine, so He really cares about every aspect of our lives. He is not only concerned with the big issues in the world, such as famine or war He also wants to be involved with everything that is happening with each one of us.

Memory verse: “Leave all your worries with Him for He cares for you.” 1Peter 5 verse 7. Write out two sets of the verse on two different colours of card with each word on a separate piece. Hide the pieces around the room. Divide children into two teams and give each a colour to search for. As a relay race, they each take it in turns to look for a piece of their team's colour. First team with the completed verse is the winner.

Prayer: Use what is written around the worried face saying that God is really happy that they've shared their worries with Him and stick a big smile over its sad mouth. Thank God that He cares about each one of us and always listens to our prayers.

Song: “God loves me!” – Lovely Jubbly CD by Doug Horley track 9

Final Game: Pick a favourite Kingsquad game from this year.

Resources: There is a fun sheet, introduction activity and craft activity in the resources section.