



# ENGLISH CORNER

## Lesson 3: John 2:7-11

### Main Points (Enduring Word Commentary):

- The invitation of Jesus to this wedding says something about the kind of man Jesus was – that people wanted him at their celebrations. It also teaches us about the blessing of his presence and what happens when we invite Jesus into the events of our life.
- The servants under the direction of Jesus were in a unique place of blessing for this miracle. Jesus wanted the cooperation of men in this miracle. He could have filled the pots Himself, or just as easily created the liquid in the pots. But He knew that if the servants shared in the work, then they also shared in the blessing.
- It took faith for the servants to follow Jesus' instructions to serve the water/wine to the master.

**Opening Activity:** \*\* Teachers bring an item that represents a celebration tradition that you have in your family – for example, a picture of your wedding photo, a Christmas ornament that is special to you, a birthday card someone gave you, etc to share with the class. \*\*\*

Discuss the following questions as a class:

What celebrations do you enjoy in your home country?

What celebrations do you enjoy in America?

\*Allow them to describe these to the class either out loud through speaking or, if you want to give your class the opportunity to get some practice writing – have them write a few sentences and then share.

**Transition:** Celebrations are celebrated throughout the world in every country and culture. Celebrations are something universal that we are all able to relate to. John Chapter 2:7-11, described a wedding celebration that Jesus attended, as a guest, along with his disciples. During the time when Jesus lived, wine was often served at weddings. Running out of wine was considered a great dishonor or shame to the family of the bridegroom. It was something people wanted to avoid.

At this particular wedding, Jesus' mother, Mary, informed him that the family had run out of wine. Let's take a look and see how Jesus responded to this.

**Vocabulary:** **Fill** (cause a space or container to be full) **Brim** (the edge of a container) **Banquet** (a celebration) **Servants** (helpers) **Reveal** (to show) **Glory** (power and character)

*John 2:7-11*

*<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."*

*They did so,<sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside<sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."*

*<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.*

1. What two things did Jesus ask the servants to do?
2. How do you think the servants felt when Jesus asked them to do this?
3. What happened to the water?
4. What did the miracle reveal?
5. How did the disciples respond?
6. Jesus' showed that he cared about the problem the family was facing and demonstrated his power. Would anyone like to share about a time that Jesus has shown care for you or your family?
7. How can we pray for one another this week?