DISCUSSION QUESTIONS · GRADES 3–5

Water Into Wine

The Gospel of John: Why Should I Believe? · Week 07 · October 25, 2026

LEADER SNAPSHOT

Big idea: Jesus' first miracle was a sign pointing to who He is. He is better than anything we could do to make ourselves right with God, so we believe in Him.

Read together: John 2:1–12. Memory verse: John 2:11.

Time: 15–20 minutes. Slow down on question 6. That is where the lesson turns toward them.

WARM UP

1. **What is the biggest celebration you have ever been to? How long did it last?**
   In Jesus' day, a wedding could last up to seven days. The whole village came, with lamps, music, singing, and lots of food.

AT THE WEDDING

2. **Jesus could have skipped the party to do more "serious" things. Why do you think He went to a wedding?**
   Jesus wasn't off in a corner judging people for enjoying life. He was right there with them, part of everyday life.
3. **When the wine ran out, Mary told Jesus. Then she told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." What does that show about how Mary felt about Jesus?**
   She didn't understand everything Jesus said, but she trusted Him.

THE SIGN

4. **The servants filled six stone jars, each holding 20 to 30 gallons. That is 120 to 180 gallons! Why do you think Jesus made so much?**
   Jesus doesn't just barely fix things. He gives more than enough.
5. **The man in charge of the feast said, "You have kept the good wine until now." The best came last. What does that tell you about Jesus?**
6. **Those stone jars held water for washing, so people could be "clean" before God. Jesus filled them with something much better. Can we make ourselves clean enough for God by trying really hard? Who makes us clean?**
   We can't do it ourselves. Jesus does. He is better than our best effort.

SO WHAT

7. **John doesn't call Jesus' miracles "miracles." He calls them "signs." A sign points to something. What does this sign point to? Do you believe in Him?**

THIS WEEK

Every time you pour a glass of water this week, remember: Jesus is better than anything we can do. Tell one person what Jesus did at the wedding in Cana. Memory verse: John 2:11. Next week: Week 8 · Zeal for His House · John 2:13–25 · November 1, 2026