



CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE
an activity that allows preschoolers to review the Bible story, bottom line, or memory verse by creating a craft to take home



2. STORY WHEEL

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Water and Wine" and "Jar" Activity Pages; cardstock; scissors; metal brads; and crayons

WHAT YOU DO:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: Copy "Water and Wine" on cardstock and cut, one per child plus one for the example.

Copy "Jar" on cardstock and cut, one per child plus one for the example. Complete one craft to use as an example.

DURING THE ACTIVITY: Give each child a "Water and Wine" circle. Instruct them to color the "blue" section blue and the "purple" section purple. As the children finish coloring, give them a "Jar" circle. Assist the children in laying their "Jar" circle on top of their "Water and Wine" circle. Make sure the color side of the "Water and Wine" circle is facing up so that when you turn it, the blue and purple can be seen through the cutout section on the "Jar" circle. When ready, push the metal brad through the marked place in the center of the "Jar" circle. Once attached, show the children how to turn the "Water and Wine" circle on the side to see the water turn into "super fancy party drink" in the cutout section.

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: Talk about how Jesus can do amazing things like turn water into a super-fancy party drink.

WHAT YOU SAY:

BEFORE THE ACTIVITY: "Hi, friends! Come sit with me. We're going to make a story wheel!"

DURING THE ACTIVITY: "This is a story wheel. (Hold up the completed craft with the blue water showing.) In our Bible story today, we learned about a time when Jesus turned water (point to the blue water) into a super-fancy party drink. (Turn the back circle to make the purple show and point to the purple party drink.) Wow! That's amazing! Jesus turned water into a fancy party drink!

"Now I'll help you make a story wheel so you can tell today's Bible story, too. (Assist the children in making their story wheels by fastening the two circles with the brad.) Your story wheels look great! Now you can use your story wheel to tell today's Bible story with me. Here we go!

"One day, Jesus was at a wedding with His mom and friends, the disciples. Jesus' mom came to Him and said that they had run out of the fancy wedding drink. She told the helpers to do whatever Jesus told them. Jesus told the helpers to fill up some jars with water. (Hold up a story wheel and point to the blue water.)

BIBLE STORY

Jesus is amazing.

WATER TO WINE
JOHN 2:1-11

MEMORY VERSE

"Everyone who heard him was amazed."

LUKE 2:47, NIV

KEY QUESTION

Who is amazing?

BOTTOM LINE

Jesus is amazing.

BASIC TRUTH

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



WEEK
TWO
JANUARY 2023

SMALL GROUP
3-5 YEAR
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PRELUDE SOCIAL WORSHIP STORY **GROUPS** HOME

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“Then, Jesus did something amazing that only He can do. Jesus turned the water into super fancy wedding drink! *(Turn the back circle to make the purple show and point to the purple party drink.)* Wow! Jesus turned water *(turn to blue)* into a super-fancy drink at a wedding. *(Turn to purple.)* Wow! Jesus can do amazing things! Let’s tell the story together again. Get your story wheels ready!” *(Repeat as many times as desired.)*

AFTER THE ACTIVITY: “Jesus can do amazing things that only He can do because **Jesus is amazing! Who is amazing? Jesus is amazing!**”



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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that encourages personal application and prayer



6. JOURNAL AND PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Memory Verse Card" paperclipped in Bible from Week 1; journal; and fun-shaped pen

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"Now let's sit down so we can write in our prayer journal and talk to God. (*Hold journal and fun-shaped pen.*) Today, we'll make a list of amazing things Jesus has done. It can be anything we've heard from other Bible stories about Jesus. If you think of something, just say it. We'll make this list together. (*As you talk together, write down what the children say in the journal. Remember to print so the children can recognize the letters.*)

"I know some amazing things Jesus did. Jesus fed over 5000 people with just a few fish and loaves of bread. Jesus healed lots and lots of people. Jesus walked on water. Jesus died and came back like He said He would. Jesus even stopped a storm! (*Hold up the journal for the children to see.*) Look at all these amazing things Jesus has done! Jesus really is amazing! Let's use our list when we pray.

Would anyone like to pray before I pray? (*Give each child who wants to pray the opportunity to do so.*)

AFTER THE ACTIVITY:

SGL: "Dear God, Thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to be our AMAZING friend forever. Jesus really is amazing! Only Jesus can do amazing things like (*read the list you made with the children*). You are awesome, God, and we love You. In Jesus' name, amen."