



Read John 2.1-11

You may like to use this material as a basis for discussion in your family.



The first miracle that Jesus performed at the beginning of his ministry took place at a wedding feast. Jesus and his mother were at a wedding celebration when the wine ran out. Jesus was encouraged by his mother to help with this problem, and so save the host and hostess from embarrassment. Jesus told the servants to fill six large jugs with water. When they poured the liquid out, it had turned into wine. The steward, who was in charge of organising the wedding celebration, said that it was the best wine of the feast.

Jesus turned something ordinary into something extraordinary. The people who saw this miracle were amazed and they believed in him. So, Jesus changed them as well. They became followers of Jesus. How would you have reacted if you had been there and witnessed this miracle? How would you have felt?

Have you ever seen something amazing? Or has something amazing happened to you? You may have heard of someone who got better after being very ill. You may know of a person who achieved something special against all the odds. The footballer, Marcus Rashford, achieved something special about school meals during the lockdown in 2020. Do you know what he did? Check on the internet to find the details.

God is able to transform (change) ordinary things into something special. What ordinary things in your life would you like God to transform? What ordinary skills do you have that could be made extraordinary when used for the glory of God?

Activities

- On the BBC's Great British Sewing Bee contestants are challenged to take a piece of 'boring' clothing and transform it into something wonderful. Challenge your friends to transform a piece of old clothing into something more exciting. Present the results in a 'fashion show', during which you ask God to transform each person to do something new.
- Celebrate the ordinary by having an ordinary party. Eat ordinary food. Drink water. Wear ordinary clothes. Don't play any games, but have a conversation about each person's "ordinary" personality or skills. Give thanks to God for these "ordinary" things.



Prayer

We thank you, generous God, for the gifts we so often take for granted.

Thank you for water for drinking, washing and enjoyment.

Thank you for food to eat and share with family and friends.

Thank you for the wonders of creation – flowers, birds and animals.

Thank you for the everyday miracles that transform our lives. Amen