



Hop into Games

Day 1

Bible Point: Jesus changes me! Thank you, Jesus!

Bible Verse: "Search me, O God, and know my heart." Psalm 139.23

Materials Needed:

Egg & Spoon Relay Race: Plastic Eggs, Spoons

Water into Wine Relay: One empty clear plastic container, 3oz. bathroom cups, bucket of water, one liquid drink mix like Mio or Kool-Aid (grape or punch to look like wine), timer.

What to do:

Introduce it!

- **Say:** Welcome everyone to Hop into Games! Today's Bible story, The Wedding at Cana, is about Jesus turning water into wine.
- **Ask:**
 - What happened when they ran out of wine at the wedding?
 - Who believed that Jesus could help (change water into wine)?

Get to it!

Option 1: Water, Water, Wine (Played like Duck, Duck, Goose) ***no supplies needed***

1. Have all participants (if possible) sit in a circle.
2. One player walks around the circle, lightly tapping each person on the head saying "**water.**"
3. Whenever the player wants, he/she can stop at a person and say, "**wine.**"
4. The player runs from the "**water**" to sit in the place of "**wine's**" seat without being tagged.
5. The "**water**" then repeats the game.

Option 2: Egg & Spoon Relay ***supplies: one plastic egg & one plastic spoon per group***

1. Divide participants into 2 groups (or as many groups as needed) and form a starting line.
2. Hand out a spoon and egg to each person in the front of the line.
3. Signal the start of the relay with "**Jesus changes me!**" Each person with a spoon and egg must carry the egg on the spoon to and from a designated spot.
4. As soon as the player returns to the line, he/she passes the egg and spoon to the next person in line and takes a seat at the end of the line.

Option 3: Turn Water into Wine Relay *supplies per team: one empty clear plastic container, 3oz. bathroom cups, bucket of water, one liquid drink mix like Mio or Kool-Aid (grape or punch to look like wine) or food coloring, timer.*

SET UP:

- ◆ Squeeze a few drops of Mio / Kool-Aid/ food coloring into an empty plastic container. Place it at an ending spot (away from the starting point). When they add water to the mix, the water will change color to look like wine.
- ◆ Fill a bucket of water and place it at a starting point.
 1. Give each person a 3oz. cup.
 2. Divide into 2 teams (or whatever is manageable for your group).
 3. Team members will gather around the water bucket.
 4. When you say, "Jesus changes me!" each team member will dip their cup into the water and move it to the plastic container at the end of the line.
 5. Set the timer. At the end of the designated time, the team with the fullest container wins. Thus, changing water into wine (or fruit punch).

Debrief it!

- **Huddle Questions**

- **Leader says:** We played games where we pretended to change water into wine. When we think about our bible story, changing water into wine,
 - **Why is change important in this story?** Water was all that was left to drink and the host wanted to treat his guests.
 - **Why is change important in our lives?**
 - **Our Bible buddy, Frankie the Frog, changes from a tadpole to a frog. How is our faith like that?**
 - **Jesus changes water into wine; this is a miracle. There were not any miracles in our games, but do we have miracles today?**

- **Practice Bible point**

- **Leader says:** Jesus changes me!
- **Kids say:** Thank you Jesus!

Pray it out!

- **Prayer: Leader says: Fold hands and repeat after me:**
 - Dear God, thank you for your son Jesus and the faith you had in his mother, Mary. You know my heart, thank you for having faith in me. Amen