

Inside Out Jesus - Obedient Jesus

Text: John 2:1-12

Supplies:

- Seek and Find Wedding of Cana found [here](#) on page 8..
- Pencils
- The 12 verses handed out to individuals and dressed up to play the part. See props in the reading and are listed below.
- Wedding stuff like a bouquet of flowers, a veil, a jacket for readers to wear, an old ladies wig or shawl, a shepherd's staff, servant's outfit or tray, wine glass, pitcher, a sign that says "sign," and, a bouquet of tissue paper flowers.
- One map per student found here:
<https://bible-history.com/images/common/Map-Israel-New-Testament-Times-color.jpg>
- Origami paper
- Print off instructions here:
<https://origami.guide/origami-animals/origami-birds/origami-dove/>

Large Group

Introduction

Say: Let's play a game of seek and find the Wedding of Cana! As kids arrive, place a seek and find sheet down in front of them. Once everyone is together, each person flips over the seek and find sheet, and starts to play. Whoever finds all the words, wins. (If you like to give prizes, do so here!)

Ask: What do you think the Bible story is about today? Yes! The Wedding of Cana, and what we are going to learn from that story today is obedience.

What is the emotion in the world?

Ask: What does it mean to be obedient?

Say: Kids rebel, especially when they are teenagers. This is normal adolescent behavior. But we all know that kids need rules and boundaries, and the role of adults (parents, pastors, mentors, teachers, etc) is to help students learn to follow and be obedient. Everyone has rules, and we are called to obey.

Being obedient demonstrates four things:

1. Obedience means you believe in your parents, in God, in your leaders.

2. Obedience shows love for the people you are listening to.
3. Obedience is a witness to others, especially friends and younger siblings.
4. Obedience brings blessings to you and the ones around you.

Watch Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CIYbBjTMD8>

Questions:

- Name one thing that you learned from the video.
- Is it hard to obey the rules of school, home, or the world?
- Why do you think it is important to obey God?

Where is the emotion in Jesus?

Read Bible Story verse by verse. You will need the Bible story cut into verses, and one person reads each verse. Give them props as they read their verse.

A Reading from the Gospel of John:

(Wear either veil or jacket) **Verse 1:** On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there.

Verse 2: And Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. (ring bells)

(Wear an old ladies wig or shawl) **Verse 3:** When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

(holding a staff) **Verse 4:** "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

(Wear an old ladies wig or shawl) **Verse 5:** His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

(6 jars) **Verse 6:** Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.^[a]

(servants outfit or tray) **Verse 7:** Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

(wine glass) **Verse 8:** Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

(pitcher) **Verse 9:** They did so, 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.

(jacket for the groom) **Verse 10:** Then he called the bridegroom aside 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."

(a sign) **Verse 11:** 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.

(bouquet of tissue paper flowers) **Verse 12:** After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

Questions:

- What does Jesus' mother ask Jesus to do?
- Does Jesus obey his mother?
- Why do you think that is important?
- What can we learn from Jesus in this story?

Small Group

Reaction to how Jesus handled the emotions?

Have a Bible on hand or the Reader's Theater nearby in case you need to review the story.

Activity - Map it out!

Say: Today we heard a story about Jesus' first miracle, where he turned water into wine. Let's check out on a map (found [here](#)) different places that Jesus has traveled so far:

- Jerusalem
- Bethany
- The Jordan River, where John was baptizing
- Galilee, where Jesus met some disciples
- Bethsaida, where Jesus met Philip, Andrew, and Peter
- Cana of Galilee, where the wedding was held
- Capernaum, where Jesus stayed with his mother, brothers, and disciples

Ask: How far is Cana from Jerusalem? Why are these places important? Why is it important that Jesus is found in other places than Jerusalem? How is that being obedient?

Reaction to how we respond to the emotions in the world?

Say: The fourth commandment says that we are to “Honor our mother and our father.” Is that what Jesus did in the story? How did he honor his mother? Martin Luther’s response to this commandment in the Small Catechism says, “We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.”

Ask: How do you honor your parents or caregivers? Your teachers or police? Why do you think obedience is important?

Activity: Origami Doves

Say: We are going to obey these instructions on how to make an origami dove. Following instructions is part of obeying. Here is what to do:

1. Pass out the instructions for an origami dove and a piece of origami paper to each student.
2. Fold the doves.
3. Once done, everyone shares their result.

Say: The goal here is not perfection, but what is important is that everyone tries to follow the instructions. That’s all teachers, parents, and God wants from us, that we try to obey God’s word, to obey our parents rules, and the commandments.

Prayer

Read the prayer below and pause at the fill-in-the-blanks for students to respond:

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for_____.

Help me with _____.

Amen.