

The Bible reading we will look at today will help us learn more about nouns. Read the Bible passage, complete the questions, colour the pictures, then say the Mission Together prayer for children everywhere.



## Jesus turns water into wine

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. Jesus, his friends and his mother, Mary, were there. But very soon the wine ran out. Mary told Jesus and then she said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

There were six empty water jugs nearby. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill them up with water. Then when you have done that, take a cup of the water to the steward in charge.'

The servants looked at each other in dismay. But they did what Jesus had told them to do. When the steward drank from the cup he was surprised. He turned to the bridegroom, saying, 'Usually the best wine is served first and the ordinary wine is kept for last. But you have kept the best wine until now.'

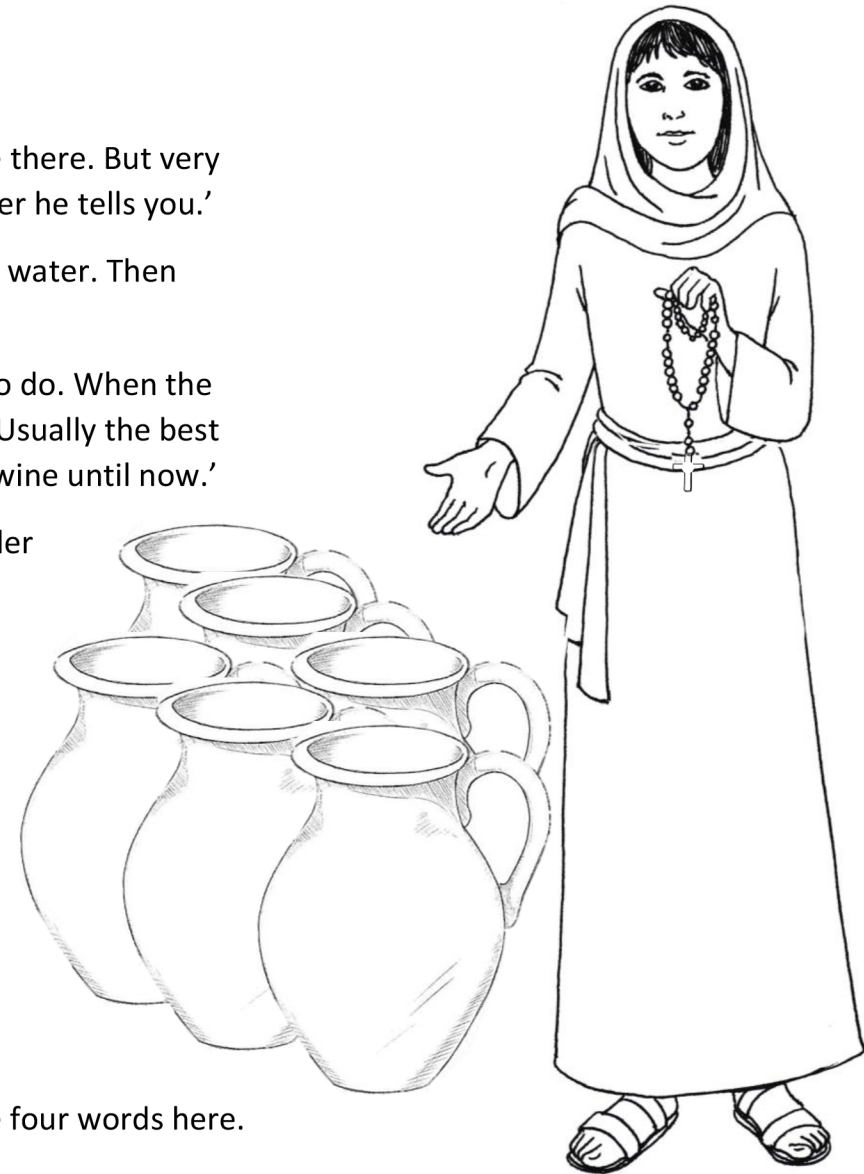
Jesus had turned the water into wine. Jesus' friends were amazed and began to wonder who he was. This was the first of many miracles that Jesus performed.

Adapted from the Gospel of St John 2:1-11

**A noun is a word that is the name of a person, place, thing or idea.**

In the story **Jesus turns water into wine** can you find some of these nouns?

1. Two places - a town and an area
2. Two people in the story are named. Who are they?
3. Other people are also mentioned but we are not told their names. Write those four words here.



4. If we didn't have names for things, we could get very confused! Replace the descriptions written in bold with the correct noun below. Check your answer against the story.

- Jesus was at the wedding with **people who liked him and whom he liked too**  
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- Jesus told the **people who were serving** \_\_\_\_\_ to pour a **clear liquid that we use to wash** \_\_\_\_\_ into six **empty containers for liquid** \_\_\_\_\_
- The steward drank from the small **bowl-shaped container with a handle** \_\_\_\_\_
- The water had been changed into **the drink that grown-ups have to celebrate.**  
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| servants | Jugs    | cup  |
| water    | friends | wine |



Sister Ruby lives in Sri Lanka. She cares for families who live on remote tea estates. They work hard picking the tealeaves off tea bushes but earn very little money.

She drives up the hillside to visit them. Thanks to Mission Together, Sister Ruby brings them medicine and food. She tells them that there are children around the world who pray for them.

There is no road to the estates. The dirt track is narrow and dangerous.

After it has rained heavily, there are landslides, and the track is impassable. Then she must wait hours, or even days, for the mud and trees to be cleared.

But Sister Ruby is happy. She knows that she is doing what Jesus asks of her caring for those in need of help. She is following Mary's advice, "Do whatever he tells you."

May all children  
In the world  
Share love  
Share friendship and live  
In the peace  
Of God's love  
Now and forever  
Amen

- Do you think what Sister Ruby does is hard?
- Could you do it? If so, why? If not, why not?
- Sister Ruby stays close to Jesus by praying every day. You can learn what Jesus wants of you by praying every day too. Start by saying the Mission Together Prayer.