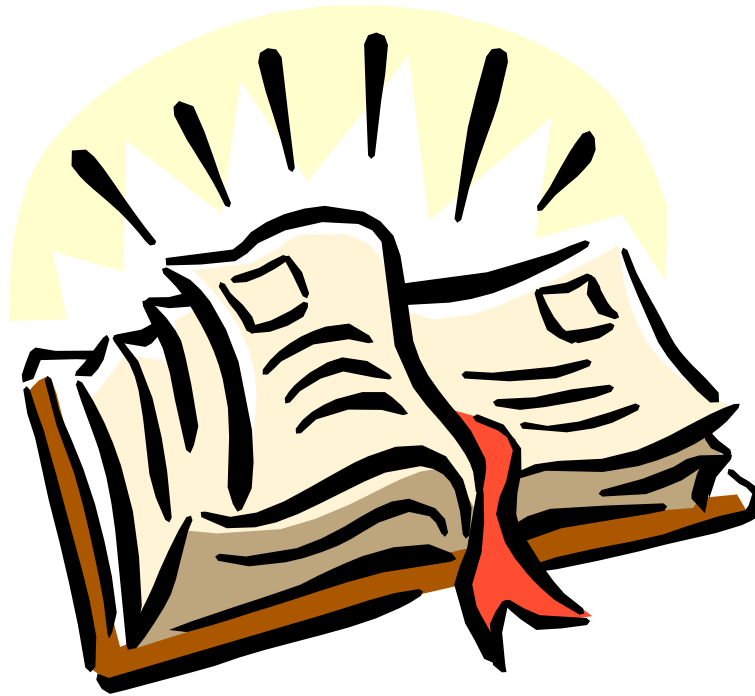


# Bible Time for Kids!



CHILDREN'S DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF: \_\_\_\_\_

**LESSON TITLE: Jesus Turns Water into Wine**

**THEME: Jesus is the joy of our salvation.**

**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 4:1-11**



# Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids! Bible Time for Kids is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week in Children's Church we learned about **Jesus turning water into wine**. The theme was "**Jesus is the joy of our salvation.**" It's exciting to know that God's gift of salvation can bring us eternal joy. We can find joy in the Lord when we meet with Him each and every day. Great News!!!

Acknowledging Him in everything we do prepares our heart for a wonderful relationship with Him. There will be many times when we will not understand why or how Jesus is working within us. But like Mary, Jesus' mother, in our story this week we must trust and obey in Him for all things. Jesus is the joy of our salvation.

The section of scripture that we studied was **John 2:1-12**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

# God is into Doing Miracles!

**Text: John 2:23** - "Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many believed in His name when they saw the signs which He did."

**Also read John 20:30-31**

"It was amazing! Our dog, Spot, was running after a car and was struck by the rear wheels. Spot tumbled a couple of times and got up and ran over to the side. We all ran over to see if he was OK. He was not hurt at all! It's got to be a miracle!"

Maybe at some time in your life you have had an experience like this. Times when you have seen something really awesome happen and you knew it was a miracle. Miracles are those events that seem to not have a natural explanation. Like when Jesus made the water into wine for the wedding in Cana. That just doesn't happen apart from God getting involved. Whether something is big or small in our lives, "miracles" can happen all of the time. God is still very much doing miracles today. Let's look at miracles in the Bible and see what they are like.

We see in the Bible that miracles were performed for specific purposes. God is an almighty God and He performs these miracles for reasons known to Him, not for showing off or because we want Him to. Miracles demonstrate God's power. When we read about the miracles performed in the Bible we see God's power demonstrated in a lot of people's lives. When we look at Jesus' miracles we see that He renewed people's lives-----restoring sight, making the lame walk, even restoring life to the dead!

What awesome proof that Jesus is truly the Son of God. When the disciples saw these miracles happening all around them their belief in Him grew stronger. When Jesus was here, the miracles that He did were proof of who He claimed to be. The Bible also calls these acts mighty works, signs, and wonders. God is still doing miracles today. He is changing people's lives every day. Has He changed your life?

- What is your favorite miracle that Jesus performed?
- Do you know anyone who has had a miracle performed in their life?
- Can you think of 3 other miracles that Jesus performed in the Bible?

## **Kid's Bible Dictionary**



**Miracle:** An unusual happening that cannot be explained by nature or science; something only God can do.

# A Different Plan

**Text: John 2:5** - "His mother said to the servants, 'Whatever He says to you, do it.'

**Also read John 2:1-11, Proverbs 3:5-6**

Mary was Jesus' mother and she submitted to His ways of doing things. Mary did not understand everything about Jesus but she knew that He was more than her human son; He was the Son of God. Mary did not know if Jesus was going to perform a miracle but she did know that He was capable of many things and she put her trust in Him. She told the servants to do whatever Jesus was to ask of them. Mary was aware that a problem existed; there was no more wine at the wedding party. Instead of trying to solve the problem on her own, she submitted to Jesus and allowed Him to deal with it as He sees best.

When you have a problem do you try to deal with it on your own? Or do you bring your problem to Jesus so that He can deal with it as He sees best? When we bring our problems to Jesus, we may think we know how He should take care of them. But He may have a completely different plan for us. Like Mary we should submit and allow Him to deal with the problem as He sees best.

When you read Proverbs 3:5-6 you will see that we should not only bring our problems to Jesus, but we should acknowledge Him in everything, not just the things that trouble us. We need to turn every area of our life over to Him. Make Him a vital part of everything you do; then he will guide you because you will be working to accomplish His purposes. Remember your plan might not be His plan for your life.

- What are some ways that you can acknowledge Jesus in your life?
- Are you living your life according to your plan or His plan?
- Read Proverbs 3:5-6. If you acknowledge Christ in ALL things, where will He lead you?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Acknowledge:**

to make note of, or to give credit where it is due.

**Plan:**

a goal that is being worked towards.

**Submit:**

to give in to the authority, control, or choice of another.

# He is Joyous!

**Text: John 15:11** - "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full."

**Also read Psalm 16:11**

There are a lot of things that can happen in our lives that give us great joy. Things like a new baby, a wedding, an exciting vacation, family reunion or a new friend. Joy makes our hearts feel good, even when we have problems in our lives. And others will see the joy in our hearts and wonder what it is that makes us full of joy. Jesus has experienced joy and sorrow. He knows what it is like to be joyous. And it is through Him that we can receive joy in our lives.

Joy is more than just a happy feeling though. Happiness can change depending on what is going on around us. Maybe I'm not so happy because my big brother is picking on me. But joy goes beyond that. It is peace and contentment even when things may not be going so well around me. A good way to remember what joy really is, is to remember that true joy is **Jesus Overflowing in You**. Remember the joy you experience from this world will eventually fail, but the joy He supplies will last forever. Be sure to invite Jesus to share in your joy and be obedient to His word.

In order to start your day out to be a joyous one, begin each morning with a conversation with the Lord. How can you have a conversation? Pray! Give your life to Him each day and ask Him to lead you in His paths. Next, read your Bible and devotion. By reading God's word you grow in your relationship with Him. Don't just read your Bible and then put it away but let the words sink into your heart and mind. Think about all that you have to be thankful for and ask the Holy Spirit to enrich your life with God's truth. Don't forget to stay in fellowship with other Christians. It is important to encourage others and to be encouraged by others. If you stay in contact with the Lord, He will continually be the joy of your life.

- Describe a joyous time in your life?
- Read Job 38:7; Matthew 2:10; Matthew 28:8; and Luke 24:52. Who was the cause of all that joy?
- **Jesus Overflowing in You**. Take the first bold letter from each word to make a new word.

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Joyfulness:** Deep inner gladness and delight that I may have even when things are not going well because Jesus is in my heart.

# Rejoice!

**Text: 1 Thesalonians 5:16** - "Rejoice always."

**Also read Acts 16:16-31**

Mr. Wilson had been in the hospital for about 2 weeks now. Mrs. Wilson has been under a lot of stress because of her husband's illness. There were a lot of things that Mrs. Wilson had to take care of. The family had their own business and Mrs. Wilson had to take care of their 3 children. The children helped her every night but the work continued to pile up causing Mrs. Wilson to worry. One day the youngest of the Wilson children walked into the room and shouted, "Mom, my jeans are dirty and my socks haven't been washed yet, and..." Mrs. Wilson couldn't handle it anymore. She broke down and began crying, while her children stood and watched.

Her middle son remembered the story about when Paul and Silas were in prison and began to sing Hymns. "Mom, can we just sing a hymn and praise the Lord?" "Sure we can," Mrs. Wilson replied. The whole family began to sing a hymn and the pressure just seemed to lift. Even in the midst of difficult things, Mrs. Wilson learned that she can still rejoice in the Lord.

After reading Acts 16:16-31 you will see how that the Apostle Paul knew firsthand that problems in life can wear a person down, both physically and spiritually. But Paul knew the secret of finding joy in the middle of suffering. Where did Paul find joy? Read Philippians 4:4 and see where Paul finds joy.

Paul and Silas could have broken down and started crying or could have tried to break out of jail, but they had faith in Jesus and they rejoiced even when things looked bad. There is no dungeon deep enough, no night black enough, to block out the light of God's love. What did Paul and Silas do? They began singing hymns of praise to God! What a great way to forget about the problems around you and to focus your attention on God! Let's remember to praise the Lord even when times are difficult.

- How do you focus your attention on God when things around you are bad?
- Do you have a favorite hymn you sing when you want to praise the Lord?
- How can you be joyful in all circumstances?

## **Kid's Bible Dictionary**



**Rejoice:** Voicing glad or happy feelings; expressing joy or great delight

Day Five

# Everlasting Joy

**Text: Psalm 119:111** - "Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart."

**Also read John 15:9-11**

In just a few minutes John will be standing on a stage competing for the finals in his school Spelling Bee. John has done well throughout the contest and now he has made it to the final round and is one of only two students who are left. Mary gets the first word and she attempts to spell it, she misses it by one letter. John is excited, he knows the word! John has been working so hard for this competition. At last, it's his turn, he spells the word correctly and John is crowned the new spelling bee champion for Templeton Elementary School. John and his family are radiating with excitement.

When John woke up the next morning he noticed that he wasn't as excited as he was when he won the Spelling Bee. He was so happy when he won. He was still happy about his winning, but the excitement had kind of worn off. John would be back into his same old routine today. He wondered if anyone would remember how well he had done the day before. Happiness can come and go, but only the joy that the Lord gives remains.

Joy comes in many shapes and sizes, but the joy Jesus spoke of is a constant supply, a steady flow, and not just a series of surprises. Jesus went through some difficult times that tested his joy, but the Bible says that Jesus was anointed "with the oil of joy" (Hebrews 1:9). He experienced joy in every circumstance of His life. We can experience joy by obeying God's commands. When we are disobedient and rebellious there is no room for joy in our heart. We use up all of our energy being angry! Remember that the person who obeys God can be confident and happy, rewarded with joy.

- Does your joy last all day long or does it depend on whether or not things are going the way you want them to?
- Find John 15:9-11. Can you discover two reasons why Jesus was a "joy-full" person?
- How can you be a "joy-full" person?

## Kid's Prayer Time



There is a lot that we can be thankful for. This week when you pray you can thank the Lord for His death on the cross. We have a gift of salvation given to us just by asking. Jesus is the joy of our salvation.

# Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

"This beginning of signs  
Jesus did in Cana of Galilee,  
and showed His glory; and  
His disciples believed in  
Him."

Third Grade and Above

"This beginning of signs  
Jesus did in Cana of Galilee,  
and manifested His glory;  
and His disciples believed in  
Him."

**John 2:11**