

Lesson Eighteen Preparation: John 2:1-12

Marriage

Lesson Supplies

Catholic Children's Bible with table of contents page marked (page 3)

Journal for each family member and writing supplies

Videos cued up on your device

Objectives

- In the Sacrament of Marriage, a man and woman become a living image of Jesus and his Bride, the Church, in a lifelong covenant of love.
- The Sacrament gives the couple the grace to grow in union with each other and to God, stay together in difficult times, and gives the graces to carry out the duties of marriage.
- The Christian family is a domestic church, a place to encounter God, to become saints through normal family activities.

Read

From the Bible: John 2:1-12

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.

Christian marriage in its turns become an efficacious sign, the sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true sacrament of the New Covenant. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 1601 and 1607)

From the *Compendium to the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Read questions [337-350](#). This will take ten minutes.

Watch

[Jesus Turns Water Into Wine](#) (1:56) [The Domestic Church](#) (4:13)

[Sacrament of Matrimony](#) (2:52)

[What is Marriage](#) (3:39)

Reflect

Marriage and family life are not easy. But then again, nothing worthwhile is ever easy all the time. Marriage and family life also are fun, beautiful, and enjoyable. This is why the Bible calls marriage a “great mystery” (Ephesians 5:32). Mystery here is not your CCD teacher’s trump card to get you to stop asking questions. Mystery, in the fullest sense, is an invitation to ponder something more deeply. Your marriage, your family life, is an invitation to ponder the deeper realities of life.

In the midst of your marriage and family, you encounter God. He designed these things to be a vehicle for him to come into your life. Within the family, we can and often do experience deep love, self-sacrifice, mercy and forgiveness, total acceptance, joy in the simple and inexplicable moments. We experience God in the ordinary.

God loved us so much that he brought forth a world, filled with its trials and difficult moments but also with its incredible joys. You and your spouse loved each other so much that you brought forth a family, also filled with its trials, difficulties, and incredible joys. Your marriage is a sacrament, a sensible encounter with God. When you tap into the grace of the sacrament, God can get you through any trial and difficulty.

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Lesson Summary

Marriage is a sacrament where a man and woman enter and are given the Grace to enter a lifelong covenant of love .

The duties of marriage include the conceiving and educating children, especially regarding the things of God, and the requirements of family life.

The Christian family is a domestic church and a school of Christian charity.

Pray

1. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. Who or what would you like to pray for today?
3. Come Holy Spirit, Creed (*Catholic Children's Bible* page 1992)

Read

Wedding at Cana

John 2:1-12

- Read the passage slowly and out loud at least three times, maybe taking turns.
- Pay attention for a word or phrase that sticks out to you.
- In your journal, write about that word or phrase. Use some of the [suggested journal prompts](#) if you need help.

Reflect

This is the very first miracle Jesus ever performed! And he did it at a wedding, as a gift to a newly married couple. This couple invited Jesus to their wedding, into the very beginning of their marriage and family, and he helped them.

Jesus is also present in your family. And he can be even more present in your family if you invite him in again. Jesus wants your family to be a place where you learn about love, putting others first, mercy and forgiveness, and deep joy. Jesus wants to be a member of your family.

Through the sacrament of marriage, he brings himself into your family. By the grace of this sacrament, you and your parents can become a living image of the Trinity.

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[Jesus Turns Water Into Wine](#)

(1:56)

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Discuss

- What makes our house a home? What makes it special?
- Take out your wedding photos and talk to your children about the special day.
- Describe a time that you sacrificed for family member and put their needs before your own.

Bible History

Sometime this week, read **God Gives Ruth a Husband and a Son (Ruth 4:13-15)**, pages 364-365) in the *Catholic Children's Bible*.

This is the story of how God works through marriage and family life to bring about great things in the world!

Live

- Do a random act of kindness for someone in your family. Put their needs before your own.
 - Sacrifice your technology time (gaming, iPads, etc.) and play a game together as a family.
 - Call a relative you haven't seen in a while and tell them about your day.
 - Give up your dessert or a piece of candy and give it to someone in your family instead. Try to make it something that you really like so that it is a sacrifice for someone you love.
- Pray the [Chaplet to the Holy Family for a Happy Family](#).

Lesson Eightneen Supplemental Materials

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Lesson Summary Statements

- In matrimony a baptized man and woman bind themselves in marriage for life.
- Jesus gives the Grace for the couple to grow in unity with each other and together with Him.
- Jesus also gives the grace for the couple to raise and form a family.
- The two purposes of marriage are the good of the spouses and the procreation of children.
- The sacrament of matrimony is an image of the love of Christ for his bride the Church.
- Matrimony was instituted by Christ at the wedding Feast of Cana.
- A Catholic and a non-Catholic or a non-Christian can be married with special permission and a promise to raise children as Catholics.
- The form (words) of the sacrament are the public vows stated by the spouses.
- The matter (mater) of the sacrament is the marital union of the spouses.
- The ministers of the sacrament are the spouses. The priest, deacon, or bishop acts as witnesses of the Church, and offer a blessing
- The effects of Matrimony are:
 - Establishment of a perpetual and exclusive bond between the spouses
 - Graces necessary for the spouses to attain holiness in their married life
 - Graces necessary to accept the gift of children
 - Graces necessary to form and educate children in the things of God.
- The family is the domestic church
 - The family manifests the communal and familial aspect of the church
 - Each member works to make the family a community of grace and prayer
 - The family is where individual learn to love in a Christian way (see: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7The family is where individuals learn and practice Christian virtue
 - The family is where the faith is first proclaimed and then passed on to children.

More Resources to Answer Your Questions

Videos

- [Marriage and Family: Part 1](#) (2:58)
- [Marriage and Family: Part 2](#) (3:43)
- [Catholic Parenting in 2018 \(Raising World Changers\)](#) (3:04)
- [Sophia Sketchpad Marriage](#) (6:50)

Websites

- [Catholic Answers](#)
- [Credible Catholic](#)
- [Formed.org](#)

Name: _____

Saving the Best for Later

Find and read John 2:1–11 in your Bible.

Find words that complete the sentences.

Write them in the spaces.

1. Jesus went with
his _____ to Galilee.

2. The water
turned into _____.

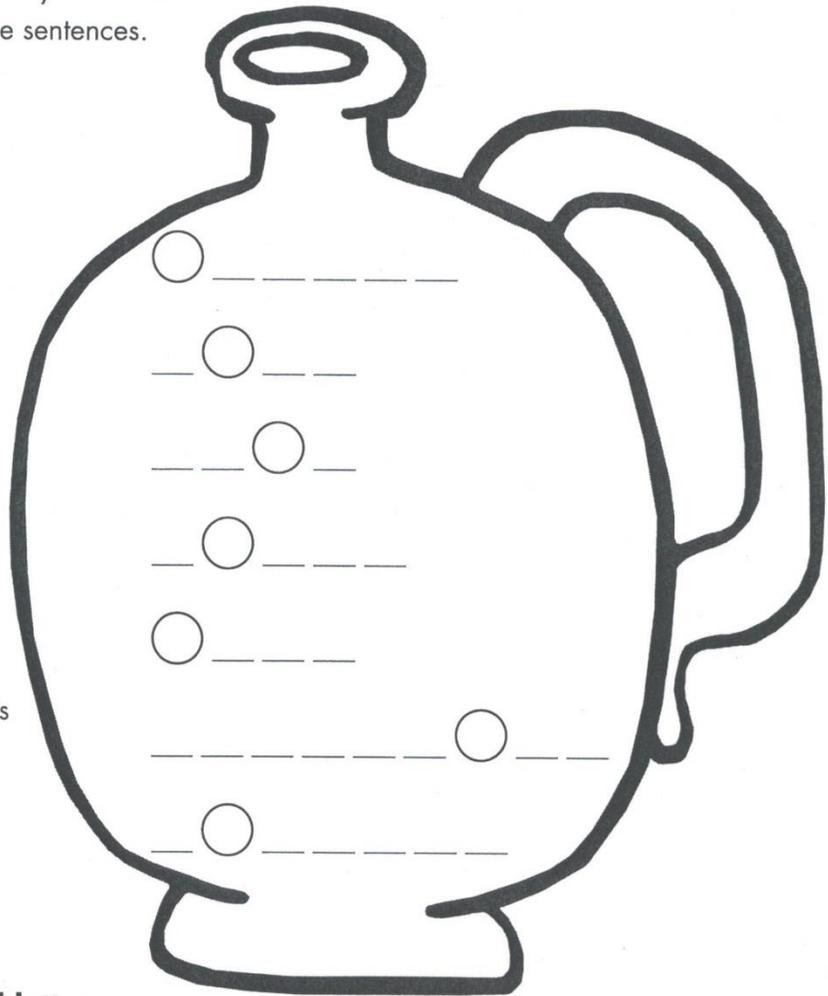
3. The servants filled
six stone _____.

4. Jesus asked the servants
to fill them with _____.

5. Jesus went to the town
of _____ in Galilee.

6. Jesus, his mother, and his
_____ were invited

7. to a _____ in Cana.



**Now look at the circled letters
to complete this sentence:**

Jesus worked his first ○○○○○○○.



Seek and Find: Look at pages 1654 and 1655 of your Bible. On these story pages, what is the bride wearing on her head?