

Jesus Shows He is the Almighty God!

Bible Lesson: Water into Wine – *John 2:1-11*

Main Teaching: Believe Jesus is the almighty God, your Redeemer

Word Up: Jesus is the almighty God!

Supplies:

- Word Up Booklet & Up Rules – Word Up (Resource Pack)
- Recording for “Let’s Get Started” and “Jesus is the Good News” - Worship (Sing About the King 4 CD)
- Optional Song Visual for “Let’s Get Started” and “Jesus is the Good News” – Worship (cefpress.com)
- One large clear container of water and 2 small clear containers, red food coloring – Object Lesson
- Flashcards for Bible Story “” – Bible Lesson
- 3 beanbags and a bucket (or classroom trash can) – Review Game
- Cardstock with “Jesus is. . .” written at the top, marker – Small Group
- Quiet Time Sheet – Dismissal (Resource Pack)

Schedule at a Glance (75 min club):

15 min – Small Group
10 min – Word Up / Worship
10 min – Object Lesson
15 min – Bible Lesson
10 min – Review Game
5 min – Missionary Story
10 min – Small Group

INTRODUCTION

Jesus is almighty God! He can do what no person can. The first miracle documented in the book of John is the turning of water into wine. This miracle shows Jesus’ power over creation. While preparing this lesson, take time to remember Jesus is the almighty God. Praise Him for the work He is doing in your life and ministry!



SMALL GROUP

My name is _____ and I would like to go to _____

Spend some time getting to know your kids and helping them get to know each other. Go around the circle and have the kids say their name and a place they would like to go. It could be a geographic location (Hawaii), or a type of place (the zoo). If you have older kids, see if the kids can remember what the person before them said.

WORSHIP

To learn songs and motions, go to <https://www.cefcmi.com/lessons/song-demos>

“Let’s Get Started”

“Jesus is the Good News”

RULES

Show the Ups rules visual. Go over each rule and why it is important. Sit up, Look up, Listen up, Hand up and Zip up.



WORD UP!

“Jesus is the almighty God!”

What do you think of when you hear of a person with power? (*Allow response.*) You may think of someone important like the president or a king or queen. There are many people in the world who have the power to make laws and do important things, but there is only one person who has almighty (total) power—Jesus! These next few weeks we’re going to be learning about how powerful Jesus is. Because Jesus is God, He has almighty power over everything. When you hear one of your teachers say “Word Up!” in club today we are going to stand and say, **“Jesus is the almighty God!”** (*Say with children.*)

OBJECT LESSON

Water into Wine

What if I told you I could turn this water into something else. Would you believe me? We just learned about how God is almighty. He has total power. But I don’t have total power. I can’t make miracles happen. But I bet I could turn this water into something else. Should I try? I’m going to pour this water into this jar. (Pour water into another empty jar.) This is amazing! Look at the water now. . . look what I did! (Absolutely nothing happened to the water.) Oh no, maybe I’m not as amazing as I thought I was. Let me try it one more time. (Pour the water into the glass with the food coloring in it.) Wow! This is what I was hoping for. The water changed color. Isn’t that amazing? Now this is just a trick. But listen in our Bible story today to see what Jesus did that was truly amazing! It was a miracle!

Before club: Bring one large clear container of water and two small clear containers. (Glass mason jars work well.) In one of the small containers place 4 drops of red food coloring and let it dry so it is hard. Set all the jars on a tray with a little lip (a box lid could work too) so that they can’t see the red drops in the bottom of one of the jars.



BIBLE LESSON

INTRODUCTION

A miracle is something only God can do!

PROGRESSION OF EVENTS

Many, many years ago God created the whole universe. Raise your hand if you can tell me one thing in the universe God made. (*Allow response.*)

God's most special creation is people! God created people to love and obey Him. The very first people were Adam and Eve. They lived in a beautiful garden God made called Eden. Sadly, Adam and Eve disobeyed God instead of trusting and obeying Him. Their disobedience brought sin into the world.

God punished Adam and Eve by sending them out of the Garden and their bodies began to die. But God promised to send someone who would win against sin. In the Bible this person is called the Redeemer—the one who would pay for the sins of the world. His great plan to redeem (buy back) the world from sin was promised in the first book of the Bible, Genesis.

Flashcard 1-1

Many years passed after Adam and Eve sinned but the Redeemer—the Savior—still hadn't come. During those years, God kept telling His people, the Israelites, who He is and what He is like. He gave them His words written down. We can find these words in the Old Testament part of the Bible! God spoke through men called prophets. The Old Testament prophets kept talking about the Redeemer who would come. The things they wrote down were like clues to help the people know the Redeemer when He came!

Many kings ruled during these years. Often the kings and the Israelite people didn't know or love God. They didn't believe God is the one true God. They didn't obey Him.



To not obey God is sin. The Bible says that we all want to go our own way. (*Read Isaiah 53:6*) We are born already turned away from God, going our own way, instead of being turned toward God, loving and obeying Him. Maybe sometimes you are playing with your friends and you want to be the leader in the game but they won't let you so you get mad and go home. Maybe you have a friend you want to spend time with and you don't want anyone else to spend time with your friend. Both times, you are being selfish—wanting things your own way. These are examples of sin and sin hurts God deeply. God is perfect and without sin (holy). Because God is holy, He must punish sin. The punishment for sin that you and I deserve is to be separated from God now and forever. This is not what God wants for you and me. But that's what sin does. Disobeying God and going your own way is sin.

Many of the Israelite people and kings went their own way and disobeyed God. Some Israelites, though, were waiting for the Redeemer, who would be the greatest King ever. Finally, when God's time was just right, He sent the Redeemer! The Redeemer was the King but He came as a tiny, helpless baby. He came just as the Old Testament had promised! His name is Jesus, God's Son. He is the Savior—the only one who can redeem you (buy you back) from the punishment you deserve for your sins.

In the next few weeks we're going to see how Jesus showed He is God and how He cares for people—all kinds of people! And we'll see how much He cares for you and me. The Bible, God's true Word, tells us about Jesus. Believing in Him and what He has done will change your life forever! Baby Jesus grew to be a toddler, then a boy your age, then a teenager, then a man. Jesus was different from anyone else because He is God and man in one person. Say with me, **"Jesus is the almighty God!"** (*Say with children.*) He is the Savior from sin. When Jesus

was about 30 years old, He began doing and saying things to show people that He is the perfect Son of God—the Redeemer.

Flashcard 1-2

Jesus chose men to be His followers. They were called His disciples. Eventually, 12 men were chosen. They did a lot of things together—traveling, eating, talking, laughing and most important, learning from Jesus. One day Jesus and some of His disciples were invited to a wedding. Back then weddings didn't last just one day—they could last a week! There was a lot of eating, happiness and laughter at weddings. Because the weddings were so long, the family giving the wedding needed to have plenty of food and drink for everyone! The most common thing to drink then was wine. Jesus and His disciples were at the wedding when something happened. The hosts (people in charge of the wedding) ran out of wine! Oh no! It would be embarrassing for them and also disappointing for the guests. What would they do?

Flashcard 1-3

Jesus' mother, Mary, was also at the wedding. She went to Jesus and told Him that the wine had run out. What do you think Mary wanted Jesus to do? Maybe she wanted Him to do a miracle, something only God can do! Mary knew Jesus could do a miracle because she believed Jesus is the almighty God.



If you believe in Jesus as your Savior, you can **believe Jesus is the almighty God. Praise Him!** The Bible tells us that one day everyone will bow before Jesus and worship Him. This is what it says about Jesus. (*Read Revelation 15:3b-4.*) Jesus is the almighty God. He deserves your worship. It's important to think about Him every day. One way you can do that is by giving Him praise. You praise Jesus by telling Him how much you appreciate something about who He is or what He has done. You can praise Him for His love and care for you. You can praise Him for being your Savior. You can praise Him for working in your life, even if you don't understand how or why. You can praise Him that you'll be able to live with Him forever. When you take time each day to remember who Jesus is and what He's done, that will lead you to praise Him! Say with me **"Jesus is the almighty God!"**

Mary believed Jesus is the almighty God. She knew Jesus could do a miracle.

Jesus told Mary it was not the time for everyone to know about Him yet. Then Mary told the servants to do whatever Jesus said. (*Read John 2:5.*) Would Jesus do something?

Flashcard 1-4

There were six large jars at the wedding. Jesus told the servants to fill them with water. Back then they couldn't just turn on the faucet and get water. They would have to get it from a well. Let's pretend to go to the well to get water. (*Do with children.*)

The servants started filling up the jars. Each jar could hold 20 or 30 gallons of water. That's like 20 or 30 big milk jugs poured into one stone water jar! (*Show an empty gallon milk jug.*) Finally, the servants had filled all six of them.

Then Jesus said something strange. He said, "Take some out and give it to the person in charge of the feast." Let's all pretend to fill a cup with water and give it to the host. (*Do with children.*) The servants did exactly what Jesus asked and took some to the person in charge.

When the host tasted the water, it didn't taste like water and it didn't look like water—Jesus had turned the water into wine! Can you do that? No! Only God could do this! The person in charge was so happy! He didn't know it had been water just a few minutes earlier! He called the groom over and told him how surprised he was that the best wine was being served at the end of the feast. Jesus had turned ordinary water into the best wine! I

couldn't do that with this cup of water (*hold up cup of water*). I can't make the water turn into anything else without adding something to it. But Jesus could because He is the almighty God! It wasn't a magic trick; it was a miracle! Jesus was showing that He is the almighty God who has power over all Creation.

Say with me, **"Jesus is the almighty God!"** (*Say with children.*)

Flashcard 1-5

The Bible says this about Jesus, (*read Colossians 1:16*). Jesus, who is God, created everything in the whole world just by speaking words! Not only that, this verse says everything was created for Him. The universe and everything in it was made to please God and give Him glory. To bring glory to God is to show how good He is. When He made you, He made you to please Him and to bring glory to Him. You are not holy (perfect) like God but He still loves you. He made you special and unique! Only the almighty God could make each part of your body to work with all the other parts to keep you living, breathing and moving.

Jesus is the almighty God, who has power over everything in the world because He made it all! Jesus showed His power when He took ordinary water and made it wine. The Bible says this was the first sign (miracle) Jesus did to begin to show people that He is God and has power over all created things! Jesus was starting to do things to show people He is the Redeemer—the Savior who God had promised would come.

Flashcard 1-6

About three years after Jesus made the water into wine, He finished His work as the Redeemer on Earth. (*Read Revelation 1:5b.*) Because of God's great love for you, Jesus gave His blood when He died to free you from your sin. When He was on the cross, He took all your sin on Himself and was separated from God so you wouldn't have to be. By paying the price God requires, Jesus redeemed you. Only Jesus could take your punishment because He is God's perfect Son who had never sinned. After He was buried, many people thought that was the end—but it was not! To prove He is almighty God and to finish His work on Earth, Jesus came alive again on the third day! Today Jesus is alive and ruling in Heaven and promises He will come back one day and end sin forever.

Believe Jesus is the almighty God your Redeemer. Say with me **"Jesus is the almighty God!"**

Jesus truly is the Savior God the Father promised to send! Do you remember that Jesus had His disciples with Him at the wedding? They saw what Jesus did and they were amazed!

CLIMAX

The disciples believed in Jesus that day! They began to put their trust in Him!

CONCLUSION

The disciples still didn't completely understand who Jesus was but the Bible says they believed that day. Jesus would do many other things to show His power as God the Son and also show how much He cares for the people He has made.

INVITATION



What about you? Have you believed in Jesus? To believe is to put your trust completely in Jesus as the Redeemer, the only one who can take away your punishment for sin. The Bible says, *(read John 20:31)*. The story you heard today was written down in the Bible so you can hear or read it and believe that Jesus is who He says He is—the Son of God! He wants you to trust in Him completely as your Redeemer. He wants to save you from sin so you can have a close relationship with Him now and forever. When you trust Jesus as your Savior, you will have new life—God the Holy Spirit will live in you, He will be with you always, and help you live for Him. Will you believe in Jesus as your Redeemer today? Please bow your head and close your eyes. If you are ready to believe in Jesus as your Redeemer or you have questions about what that means, please show me by raising your hand. *(Acknowledge responses.)* If you raised your hand, meet me *(designate time and location)* so I can show you from the Bible more about believing in Jesus, your Redeemer.



REVIEW GAME

Bucket Toss

Ask one team a review question. If they get the question right they get 100 points. If they can toss the beanbag into the bucket, they get another 100 points.

1. Who told people the Redeemer would come? *(God; the prophets.)*
2. What does it mean for you that Jesus is the Redeemer? *(He is the Savior; the one who can save me from my sin.)*
3. What does the Bible call the twelve men who followed Jesus and learned from Him while He was on Earth? *(His disciples.)*
4. Who told Jesus about the problem at the wedding? *(His mother; Mary.)*
5. What did Jesus tell the servants to do with the large jars? *(Fill them with water.)*
6. What was Jesus showing about Himself when He used ordinary water to make wine? *(He is the almighty God who has power over everything.)*
7. What special book tells us many ways God shows His power? *(The Bible; God's Word.)*
8. After Jesus died on the cross, how did He prove He is almighty God? *(He came alive again.)*
9. What did the disciples think when they saw what Jesus did at the wedding? *(They were amazed; they believed in Him.)*
10. What does our memory verse say you must do to have everlasting life? *(Believe in Jesus.)*
11. If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, what does it mean to you that Jesus is almighty? *(Answers will vary; He can help me with anything, etc.)*
12. If you have believed in Jesus as your Savior, what is something you can thank Him for? *(Answers will vary: family, friends, salvation, etc.)*

MISSIONARY STORY

I have some great news that I want you to know. But I'm not going to just come out and tell you. I need 4 volunteers. (Bring up 4 kids. Whisper "Jesus loves you" into the ear of the first child, and have them whisper what they hear into the ear of the second child and down the line. Make the phrase simple so that it will hopefully get passed down correctly.) Have the last child say the phrase.

When you tell someone about Jesus, that is being a missionary. Anyone who knows about Jesus can tell others about him, like we did in this line. I told "Andrew" about Jesus, and he told "Shawna" and she told "Maria". Jesus wants everyone to know about him. Each week in club we are going to learn about a missionary named Gladys who went all the way to China to tell people about Jesus. You will have to come back next week to hear her story!



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY

"Jesus is. . ." Game

(Have the children sit in a circle with their legs crossed.) Can someone tell me something you know about Jesus? (Allow responses and write correct answers on a poster board. Truths could include Jesus is God's Son, Jesus is perfect, Jesus is powerful, Jesus loves me or Jesus is alive.) We're going to play a game with what we wrote down. To play this game we're going to have a pattern. The pattern is to pat your legs twice, clap twice, hold open your left hand then hold open your right hand. (Model the pattern for the children then practice with them.) At the end when we open our hands we're going to say together one of the things we wrote down about Jesus. (Repeat the pattern multiple times, each time saying together the next truth from the poster board.)

DISMISSAL

Hand out a Quiet Time Sheet (Week 1 in the Resource Pack) to each child. Encourage them to fill it out and bring it back next week. As children are getting picked up, try and connect with the parents and let them know the kids learned that God is almighty – He can do anything.

Jesus Shows He is the Almighty God – Water into Wine

This page has been designed for you to photocopy and place in your Bible as a ready reference.

Lesson Outline	
I. INTRODUCTION This board has a secret sentence on it.	
II. PROGRESSION OF EVENTS God began His great plan to redeem the world from sin.	
 <p>A. Flashcard 1-1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Many of the Israelites were waiting for the Redeemer. Since Adam and Eve disobeyed God, we all want to go our own way. [Isaiah 53:6] The Redeemer came just like the "clues" from the Old Testament said. Jesus was different from anyone else because He is God and man in one person. 	
 <p>B. Flashcard 1-2 (John 2:1-3a)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus and His disciples were invited to a wedding. The hosts ran out of wine. 	
 <p>C. Flashcard 1-3 (John 2:3b-7)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mary told the servants to do whatever Jesus said. Mary knew Jesus could do a miracle because she believed Jesus is the almighty God. <p>🔊 [saved] You can believe Jesus is the almighty God. Praise Him!</p>	
 <p>D. Flashcard 1-4 (John 2:8-10)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus told them to fill six huge jars with water. Jesus told the servants to give a cup of the water to the person in charge of the feast. Jesus turned the water into wine; He could do that because He is the almighty God. 	
 <p>E. Flashcard 1-5 (John 2:11a)</p> <p>🔊 Jesus, who is God, created everything in the whole world just by speaking words. [Colossians 1:16]</p> <p>Jesus was starting to do things to show the people that He is the Redeemer.</p>	
 <p>F. Flashcard 1-6 (John 2:11b)</p> <p>🔊 Because of God's great love for you, Jesus bled and died on a cross to free you from your sin. [Revelation 1:5b]</p> <p>III. CLIMAX</p> <p>The disciples believed in Jesus that day! They began to put their trust in Him!</p>	
<p>IV. CONCLUSION</p> <p>The disciples didn't completely understand who Jesus was, but the Bible says they believed.</p> <p>🔊 Jesus wants you to trust in Him completely as your Redeemer from sin. [John 20:31]</p>	<p><i>Scripture verses in parentheses are background text. Bracketed verses should be quoted or read from God's Word.</i></p>