

Shadyside Presbyterian Church
Kids' Worship Bulletin
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John is very different from Matthew, Mark, and Luke. John's Gospel was written later than the other three Gospels. John tells some different stories about Jesus and uses many images like *bread, water, light, and vines*.

The book of John begins without a family tree (see Matthew), Jesus' baptism (see Mark), or the story of Jesus' birth (see Luke). Instead, it begins with the *Story of the Word*. John told his readers Jesus is God's Word and God's work in the world.

John explained Jesus is God's presence in the world. God became human through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. John shares stories that support his statement of who Jesus is.¹

Today, we hear a story from John about a miraculous thing Jesus did. I wonder if you can guess what it is by looking at this picture:



Where in the Word is the Word?

“The Word” can mean many things:

- The Word = God's messages for God's people
- The Word = Jesus, God's Son
- The Word = The Bible, the story of God's people
- The Word = A sermon or homily spoken



Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
1 Corinthians	12	4-11
John	2	1-11

Bible Challenge

How many seconds does it take you to find the book of John in the pew bible? _____

What are the first and last words in the 1 Corinthians passage? _____ and _____

Who insisted that Jesus “do something” about the lack of wine at the wedding? _____

¹ Life Preserver, “What is ‘the Word?’” *Deep Blue Kids Bible CEB 2012*, pg. 1178

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Sometimes, you just have to help

Mom: Look at that person trying to push that grocery cart through puddles and across the parking lot.

Kid: Yeah. It looks like it's pretty heavy.

Mom: It's raining pretty hard too. You should go over and help them.

Kid: But I don't know that person and they're probably pretty close to their car anyway.

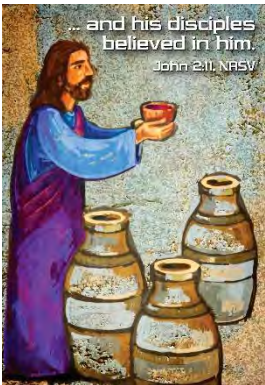
Mom: Excuse me, person with the cart? Yes, us over here! I'm sending my child over to help you.

Kid: Mom! Really? Like we don't even know them. Do you really want me to help them?

Mom: Yes, and once you help them push the cart, I want you to help them load everything into their car. Off you go!

Has anything like that ever happened to you? Has anyone ever volunteered you to do something without actually asking if you would like to do it first? A funny word for this is "voluntold." It's a made-up compound word from the words *volunteer* and *told*. In the example above, the mom voluntold her child to help the person with their groceries. The mom knew her child would be happy to do it, but gave that child a little nudge or push toward the activity.

Mary voluntold Jesus



In the John bible passage today, we hear about a time Jesus' mother Mary voluntold him to do something. Mary knew Jesus was able to do it and would be happy to help; she just nudged him in that direction. The thing Jesus did is the very first of Jesus' miracles.

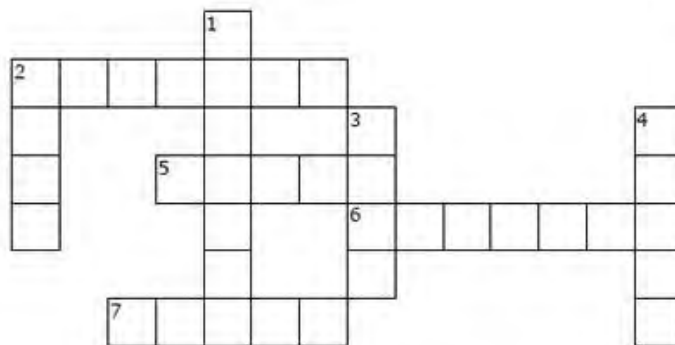
Did you listen carefully as Pastor Austin read John 2:1-11? You can read this New Testament story beginning on page 93 in our pew bible. Try to answer these questions about this miraculous story:

1. Where were Jesus and his mother? _____
2. What went wrong? _____
3. What did Mary *voluntold* Jesus to do? _____
4. How did Jesus respond? _____
5. Who witnessed this miracle? _____

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Jesus Turns Water Into Wine

"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." John 2:10 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. A ceremony joining a man and woman as husband and wife
- 5. To eat or drink a small amount
- 6. One who is employed to perform services for someone else
- 7. Low in cost; of poor quality; inferior

DOWN

- 1. An event that cannot be explained by the laws of nature
- 2. A beverage made of the fermented juice of grapes
- 3. Of the highest quality; One that surpasses all others
- 4. A clear, colorless, odorless, and tasteless liquid, H₂O

wedding	miracle	taste	cheap
wine	servant	water	best

Words from Today's Scripture

Q G N O W I S D O M F F G S K J E S U S J M Y
 B R I D E G R O O M W E D D I N G I E W R J A
 F S G F G I V E N S T F I G L A U T I R I P S
 Z R S J D A S N A I H T N I R O C Q S S S I M
 S E P O D W T E W H T I A F Y W S V E R W X X
 R T I H I R U F G A L I L E E W J D L A S W F
 E S R N O I T A T E R P R E T N I Y P J E W M
 H I I O J Q S E L C A R I M L O R D I E R M W
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 O C O M M O N G O O D L S X N C F G S O A R M
 R A D J H M A N I F E S T A T I O N I T N Y A
 B N C J C J J T A S T E D G V J R D D S T D N
 B A A C T I V A T I O N S F R E T A W C S T D
 L C K S N O L L A G V Q N N U G N I L A E H D
 I W P R O P H E C Y E J M E G D E L W O N K Y
 E P B Y K X V A R I E T I E S V F R W I N E A

Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden     and .

ACTIVATION	GALILEE	KNOWLEDGE	SPIRIT	WISDOM
BRIDEGROOM	GALLONS	LORD	SPIRITUAL GIFTS	WOMAN
BROTHERS	GIVEN	MANIFESTATION	STONE JARS	
CANA	GOD	MARY	TASTED	
COMMON	HEALING	MIRACLES	VARIETIES	
GOOD	INTERPRETATION	PROPHECY	WATER	
CORINTHIANS	JESUS	SERVANTS	WEDDING	
DISCIPLES	JOHN	SISTERS	WINE	
FAITH				