



# 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

### Some things to think about...

- This was the first miracle Jesus performed in the Bible. Why do you think he hesitated to do this?
- Mary believed in Jesus' divine power, and took the problem to him because she knew he could do something. Think about a time someone encouraged you to do something you were unsure about. Maybe it was a teacher, or a parent. How can you encourage other people?
- Mary was living out the same mission as the SVP - "See, Think, Do." As Mini Vinnies, you can take action yourselves. But in the same way that Mary brought the problem to Jesus, we can hand our problems over to God and ask for His help.

## Activity

Create a thank you card or letter to someone who has encouraged you. Tell them how their encouragement has helped you.

## Teacher's Notes

This was the first of Jesus' miracles to be recorded. It is significant that it was Mary who prompted Jesus. Although she did not say "turn this water into wine", she recognised the need and brought it to Jesus, believing that he could solve it.

Why Jesus says, "My hour has not yet come", is debated. Perhaps he was concerned about drawing attention to himself, or was implying that he was not supposed to use his divine power at this time.

Mary's role in this story is a good example for Mini Vinnies because she saw what people needed, thought about what could be done, and took action by bringing it to Jesus. This is our mission as members of the SVP - "See, Think, Do".

We also get to know more about who Mary is. She took on the role of Mother of God and carried the responsibility throughout Jesus' life. She encouraged him, recognising his power. Mary is a strong role model and guide.

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