

CHRIST'S FIRST MIRACLE

Lesson III.

John 2: 1-11.

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Golden Text—"And his disciples believed on him." John 2: 11.**Catechism**—6. Where is God? God is everywhere. 7. What does God know? God knows all things.

THE LESSON STORY

Cana was a little town in Galilee, only six miles away from Nazareth, the place where Jesus lived when He was a boy.

Mary still lived in Nazareth, though some of her friends lived in Cana.



One day Mary was invited to go to Cana, for her friends were going to have a great wedding party, and they wanted everyone they knew to be there to help them to have a good time.

Jesus was invited too; and His friends Andrew, John, Peter, Philip, Nathanael, and James were there with Him.

We are glad that John went, because he wrote down all that he saw and heard there, so that we can know just what happened.

When Jesus and His friends came they found a great many people there before them, who were all eating and drinking and enjoying themselves.

Outside the room, on the ground, there were twelve big jars standing half full of water for the people to wash their hands in as they went into the house.

There had been some wine for the people to drink who came first, but not enough for everybody.

As soon as Mary saw that there was not enough wine, she said to Jesus, "They have no wine."

The servants were listening, and soon she told them that they must do whatever Jesus wanted to have done.

Jesus saw the large jars and He said to the servants, "Fill them up with water," and they filled them up to the brim.

When they had filled them, He said, "Take and dip out a cupful and give it to the one who sits at the head of the table."

When he had tasted it he said, "What good wine is this! Why did you not let us have it before? Where did you get it?"

Then the servants said it was Jesus who had told them to fill the jars with water.

Soon everybody was talking of the wonder, Jesus had done.

None of the people had ever seen anyone before who could change water into wine, and His disciples felt quite sure now that He was really God's Son.

Jesus wanted His mother and His friends to know that He was the Son of God and that is why He did wonders, or miracles, as they are sometimes called; and besides, He wished the people at the feast to be happier because He was there. We will always have a brighter, better time if we have Jesus with us in all our pleasures.