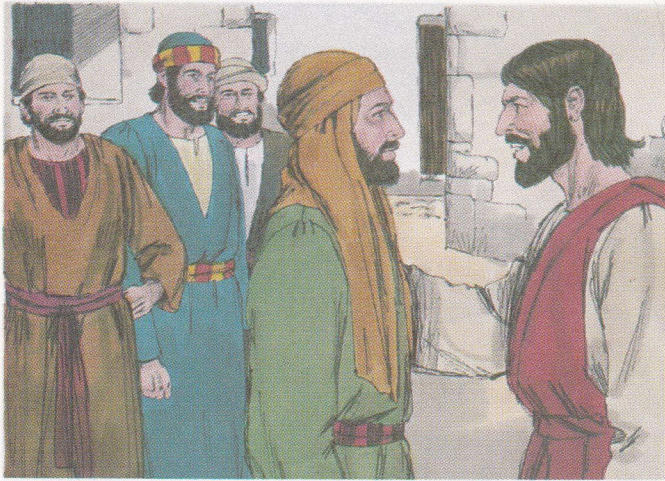


The Wedding at Cana



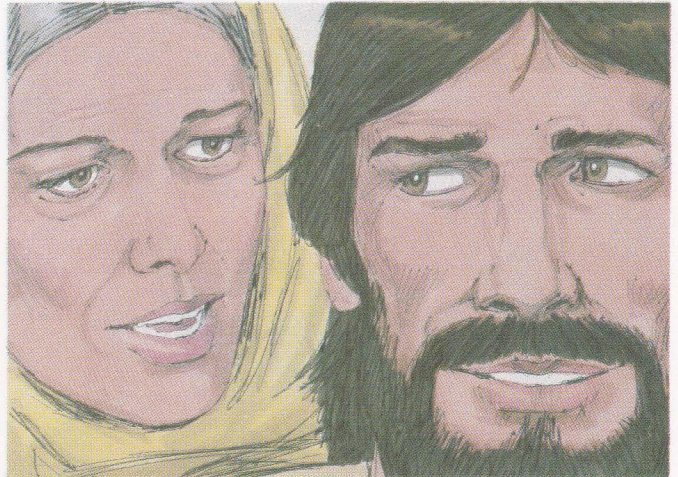
1 Four men had now become followers (or disciples) of Jesus. Their names were Andrew, Simon Peter (he was Andrew's brother), Philip, and Nathanael.



2 A few days after they began to go about with Jesus, there was a wedding in the village of Cana. Jesus and his followers were invited to attend. Jesus' mother was there, too.



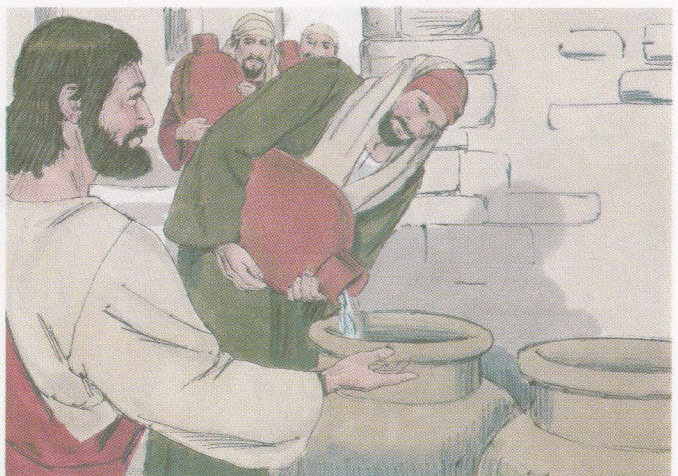
3 During the wedding feast an embarrassing thing happened—the host ran out of wine. Jesus' mother came to Jesus and said, "They have no more wine."



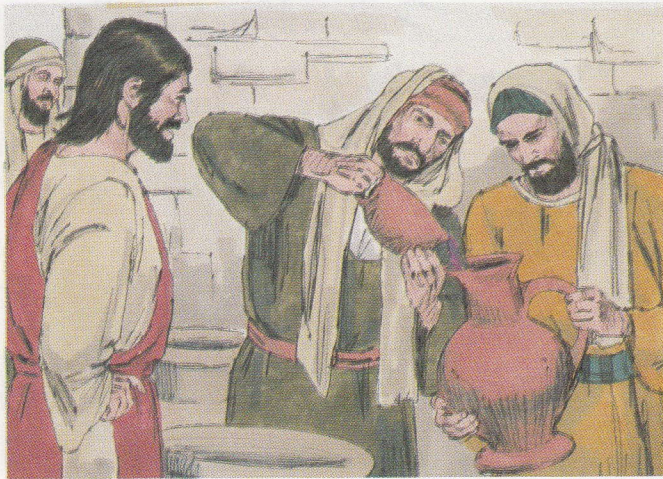
4 "What does this have to do with me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." But his mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."



5 Nearby were six stone water jars. These jars were used by the Jews for their religious ceremonies. Each held about twenty or thirty gallons.



6 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill these jars with water." So they filled each jar to the very top.



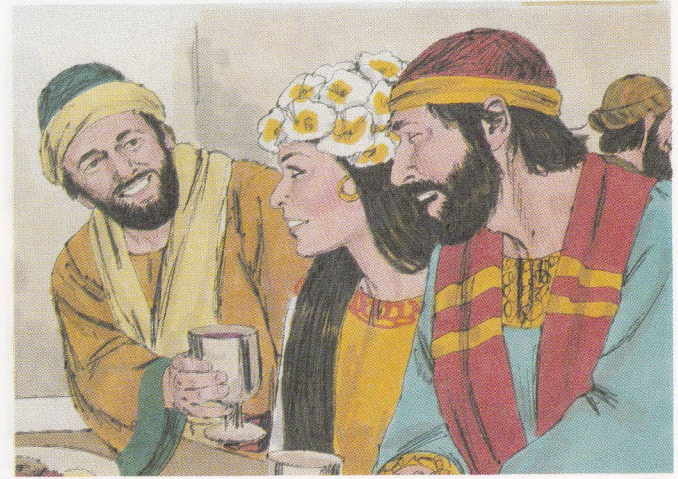
7 Then Jesus said, "Now dip out some and take it to the man in charge of the wedding feast."



8 When the man in charge tasted it, the water had already become wine! He didn't know where this wine had come from. The servants knew, of course.



9 Then the man in charge called aside the man who had just been married. He said, "People always serve the best wine first."



10 "Then when everyone has been drinking a lot, they serve the cheaper wine. But you have saved the best until last!"



11 This was the first of the miracles that Jesus did as signs of who he was. His glory was revealed there at Cana. And his followers believed in him.



12 After the wedding Jesus left for Capernaum with his mother and his brothers and his disciples. They stayed there for several days.