

Hi bubbles! Hi Splash! Hi Lightsharers! Hello Youth Grou! It's very good to be with you today. I've got question for you guys. If you were organising a party, what drinks would you choose to give to your guests? You might want to give them some squash... possibly some coca cola? I would definitely give my guests some coca cola! If you were slightly older, you might want to give your guests some wine... possibly some of Sainsbury's finest Malbec? I don't really drink wine, I don't really like it... but back in Jesus' day, people loved to drink wine. Wine was a sign of joy and blessing and it was an important part of any celebration. If you have a lot of wine, your guests have a good time. If your guests have a good time, you have a good party. But if you were to run out of wine, that would be considered something that was both embarrassing and shameful. If I were to organise a party and I did not have any drinks to give to my guests, I would be a pretty rubbish host!

So in this story, Jesus goes to a wedding banquet in this place called Cana. He goes to a joyful celebration but it wasn't going to remain joyful for much longer, because they had ran out of wine! So what does Jesus do? Nearby are these six stone jars, and Jesus tells the servants to fills these jars with water and then to take some out and give it to the host of the banquet. And after the host tastes some of this "water", he says, "Wow, this is the best wine I've ever tasted in my life!" And so there you go. Jesus turns water into wine. He takes something ordinary, something pretty basic, bland... water, and he turns it into something pretty spectacular! Water into wine!

We need to remember that Jesus came not so we could live a boring ordinary life, but so that we can have a rich and satisfying life. Jesus came so that we can live life to the full. He came to tell us that we are invited to his wedding banquets - we are invited to his party. That's pretty cool right? And so I think one thing for us to take away from this story is that a life with Jesus is a life that is filled with joy, and a life that is full of celebration! So let's celebrate! Have a good Sunday.