



**Aim:**

- ❖ To help the children to learn about the great blessing that Jesus brings to us in Holy Communion.

**Note to the Parent:**

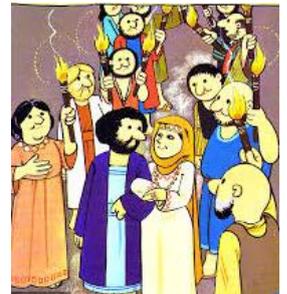
In the Scriptures, Wedding Feasts always have a deeper meaning than the obvious one of celebrating a marriage. Marriages are a symbol of the love of God for us. God wants to be married to us!

**Room Setting:**

All are seated in a circle on the floor, or on chairs in the living room.

**Quiet Time:**

**Parent:** Welcome the child and the other members of the family. Invite all to become quiet and think of a wedding celebration they attended. Allow a few minutes, and then invite all to share about the wedding celebrations they attended.



**Parent:** Now tell the child and the family members the following:

- In the Holy Scriptures a Wedding Feast is always a sign of God’s love for us.
- God wants to be married to us!
- There is a wonderful story in the Gospel about Jesus at a Wedding Feast.
- It took place in a town called Cana in Galilee, in the Holy Land.

**The Gospel Story:**

Parent, or another member of the family, slowly reads **John 2:1-11** from the Bible.

- Remain faithful to the Bible Text – do not use your own words! Read it like a story!

**Sharing:**

At this stage in the story: Invite the child and other members of the family to share their comments or feelings about what happened at the Wedding Feast.

**Parent** and other Family Members: (P=Parent, M=Family member)

- P. An awful thing happened at the Wedding Feast: they had no more wine to share with the guests.
- M. This looked bad for the newly-weds and their family.
- P. Wine at a Wedding Feast, in the Holy Land, was a sign of God’s blessing on the couple. Mary, the mother of Jesus, got very worried about this, and told Jesus about it.
- M. Jesus did as his mother asked him.

**Parent:** Ask the child, (the other members of the family can help out):

- What happened then?**
- How did the people at the Wedding Feast feel?**



**Parent** and other Members of the Family (P=Parent, M=Family member):

- P. Jesus turned the water into wine.
- M. There was plenty of wine at the feast.
- P. The people realised that God’s blessing would be with the young married couple.



**Parent:** Ask: **What had Jesus done by changing the water into wine?** Allow all to answer.

**Parent:** Now tell the child and the other members of the family:

- At Holy Mass, Jesus changes bread and wine into his Body and Blood.
- He gives them to us to eat and drink in Holy Communion.
- This is a sign that Jesus wants to be with us.
- Like being married to us.

**Practice:**

Now invite all to hold their hands crossed over their hearts and say together: **“COME, LORD JESUS, COME!”**