

EPISODE 5 The Wedding Gift (54 minutes)

Group Gathering: Make a wide circle. The first person introduces themselves and *explains their favorite gift they have ever been given, and the best gift they have ever given.* “Pass” the imaginary ball to the next person to invite them to share.

Opening Prayer: Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word: Grant us who honor the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Scripture References

Luke 2:41-52 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house? **But they did not understand what he said to them.**

John 2: 1-12 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “**They have no wine.**” And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” ...

Describe the Wedding at Cana

Describe Mary, Jesus’ mother

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Group Discussion After Watching

WHO is the person who believes in you and cheers you on, like Mary does?

WHAT would you change in this story?

WHERE do you see yourself in the story?

WHEN do have you taken a leap of faith and been surprised?

WHY do you think Jesus says his time has not yet come?

Share with a Partner

A for Amazed

B for Bothered

C for Confused

D for Delighted

Freewriting Prompts

What makes a wedding, a party, a get together, really meaningful?

What actions made you think, or moved you emotionally?

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What is on your heart for the week ahead? How can you spend time with friends and family who build you up and cheer you on this week, either outside, at a distance, or via technology?

Closing Worship

Compline in the Book of Common Prayer, Page 127

Closing Prayer

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*