

The Wedding Party

A story based on John 2:1–11

A big wedding party was going on in Cana, a town in Galilee – the town where Jesus grew up. Jesus' mother, Mary, was at the party. Jesus and the disciples were invited to the party, too.

Wedding parties in Jesus' day could go on for more than a day, maybe even a week. So when the drinks for the party ran out before the guests were ready to go home, it was a serious matter.

"Jesus," Mary said, "they have nothing left for the guests to drink."

Jesus looked around. Along the wall stood six large stone water containers. Jesus turned to the helpers, "Fill those jugs with water."

The helpers shook their heads. "What good will that do?" they wondered. But Mary had said that they

should do whatever Jesus told them.

It took a while to fill such huge water jugs, but they filled them to the very top. Then Jesus said to the helpers, "Now dip some out and take it to the person in charge of food and drink."

The helper did. As soon as that person tasted the water, he hurried to the bridegroom. "Everyone serves the best drinks first, but you have saved the best until last."

The water had been changed into the best drink at the wedding party.

Jesus' friends, the disciples, smiled at each other. They knew Jesus had done something wonderful. They knew that Jesus was showing everyone God's generous love.

Create: Love Bouquet

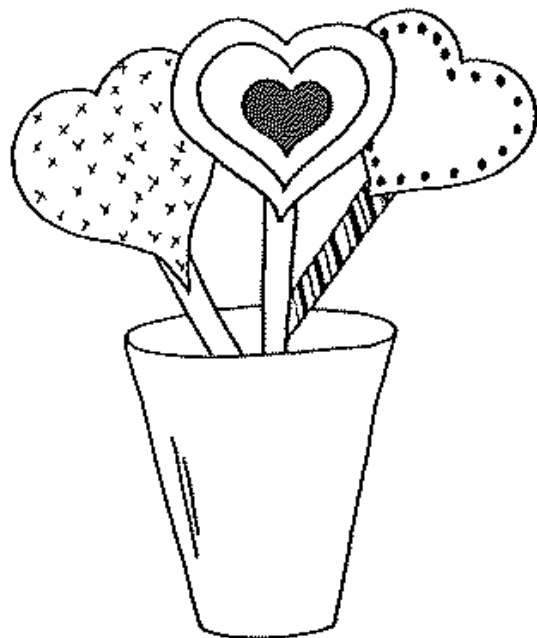
Jesus shows us that God has so much love to share. Heart shapes are often used to show love. Make some heart flowers to share in God's love by giving friends and family heart flowers.

Materials

- Drinking straws
- Paper drinking cups
- Heart-shaped stickers
- Glitter glue, tape
- Markers
- Several heart shapes in a variety of sizes (5 to 10 cm/ 2 to 4 in) cut from construction paper

Instructions

1. Decorate several hearts with markers, stickers, and glitter glue.
2. Tape a straw to the back of each heart.
3. Write on the cups "Hearts to show how much God cares."
4. Arrange your flower shapes in the cup.
5. Invite friends and family to choose a heart flower.



Activity: Colouring Sheet

Instructions

Decorate this picture as you think about Jesus' generous, overflowing love. How can we show generous love?

