

## **WEEK 1 | THE WEDDING FEAST | JOHN 2:1-11**

# Inspection - "What does it say?"

Who had been invited to the wedding in Cana?

What was Mary expecting from Jesus?

What did Jesus' mother say to the servants at the wedding?

How many gallons did the six stone water jars hold?

How did this miracle of turning water to wine impact the disciples?

## Observation - "What does it mean?"

The water jars were used for ceremonial cleansing. What lesson does Matthew 23:25-26 teach?

What lesson do we learn on trying to dictate to Jesus what He should do?

This was Jesus' first miracle. What other miracles had surrounded His life previously?

What lessons do we learn from this account about enjoying blessings unaware?

How many spiritual connections can you find with Jesus and a wedding feast?

# Life Application – "What does it mean for me?"

List all the miracles that the apostle John records in the Gospel of John.

Make a list of blessings that you tend to take for granted. Thank God for your blessings.

Send a note of encouragement to someone recently united in marriage.

Read Ephesians 5:1-21, with special emphasis on verse 18.

Plan a small get together with friends and celebrate your common faith in Jesus.

# Meditation - "What does God say?"

1 Corinthians 12:13 Galatians 5:16 Acts 14:17 1 Thessalonians 4:8

Luke 4:1 Acts 2:4 Romans 8:9 Romans 11:16

## **Supplication: What Can We Meditate?**

### Traditional Seven Blessings shared at a Jewish wedding ceremony

#### Love

May you be blessed with love. May your admiration, appreciation, and understanding of each other foster a love that is passionate, tranquil, and real. May this love between you be strong and enduring and bring peace into your lives.

### A loving home

May you be blessed with a loving home filled with warmth, humor, and compassion. May you create a family together that honors traditions old and new. May you teach your children to have equal respect for themselves and others, and instill in them the value of learning to making the world a better place.

### **Humor and play**

May you be best friends and work together to build a relationship of substance and quality. May your sense of humor and playful spirit continue to enliven your relationship. May you respect each other's individual personality and perspective, and give each other room to grow in fulfilling your dreams.

#### Wisdom

May you be blessed with wisdom. May you continually learn from one another and from the world. Together, may you grow, deepening your knowledge and understanding of each other and of your journey through life.

#### Health

May you be blessed with health. May life bring you wholeness of mind, body, and spirit. May you keep each other well-balanced and grounded, and live long that you may share many happy years together.

## Art, beauty, creativity

May your life be blessed with the art and beauty of this world. May your creative aspirations and experiences find expression, inspire you, and bring you joy and fulfillment. May you find happiness together in adventures big and small, and something to celebrate each day of your lives.

## Community

May you be blessed with community. May you always be blessed with the awareness that you are an essential part of a circle of family and friends. May there always be within this group love, trust, support, and laughter, and may there be many future occasions for rejoicing in their company.