

Bible Story 31: JESUS BEGINS FIRST YEAR OF MINISTRY

ANDREW AND PHILIP FOLLOW JESUS; JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE; JESUS DRIVES OUT MONEY EXCHANGERS IN THE TEMPLE

SCRIPTURE: Andrew and Philip: John 1:35-51
First Miracle: John 2:1-11
Money Exchangers: John 2:13-16

MEMORY VERSE: Mark 11:17A

BIBLE STORY:

Jesus began His first year of ministry when He was around thirty years old.

ANDREW AND PHILIP FOLLOW JESUS

One day Jesus passed by John the Baptist at the Jordan River. Two men, Andrew and Philip, were with John the Baptist. When they saw Jesus, they followed Him. Then Andrew went and brought his brother Simon Peter to see Jesus. The next day, Philip went to Nathanael and took him to see Jesus. *(Later Jesus called these four men to be His disciples.)*

FIRST MIRACLE: JESUS TURNS WATER INTO WINE

On a certain occasion Jesus went to a town called Cana in Galilee to go to a wedding with His mother, Mary, and His disciples. When the wine was gone, Mary asked Jesus for help. He told the servants to get one, two, three, four, five, six, yes, six large stone jars. Each jar would hold twenty to thirty gallons of water. Jesus told the servants, ***“Fill the jars with water. Then pour some in a cup and give it to the master of the wedding feast.”*** The servants obeyed. A miracle happened! The water was turned into wine! It even tasted better than the other wine served earlier. Jesus performed His first miracle!

JESUS DRIVES OUT MONEY EXCHANGERS IN THE TEMPLE

Then Jesus went to Jerusalem to observe the Feast of the Passover. Jesus entered the courtyard of the Temple. This courtyard was the only place where people who were not Jews could come to pray and worship God. What did Jesus see in the courtyard of the Temple? He saw men selling sheep, cattle and doves. Jesus also saw men at tables exchanging money. Many people came from different places and could not use their own money to buy animals for the priest to sacrifice. They had to exchange their money for temple money with the men at the tables. Where in the courtyard could the people pray and worship God?

So Jesus took some cords and made a whip. Jesus drove out the animals from the courtyard. He also turned over the tables of the money exchangers. Then Jesus said, ***“Leave. This place is My heavenly Father’s house. It is not a market place!”***

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?
2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. What did Andrew do when Jesus passed by the Jordan River?
2. What did Philip do when Jesus passed by the Jordan River?
3. What are some ways you can share Jesus with your friends and family?
4. What happened when Jesus went to the wedding feast?
5. What is a miracle? What miracle did Jesus do?
6. Does God still do miracles? Share a story about a miracle or something very special that God did for you or someone else.
7. Why was Jesus upset when He entered the courtyard of the Temple?
8. What did Jesus do?
9. What are some ways that we can show respect to the house of God, His church?