

Just another Ordinary Act

Children's Story

Cycle C, Epiphany 2

Title:	Just an ordinary act?
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Text:	John 2:1-11 wedding at Cana
Theme:	Jesus makes the ordinary extraordinary
Needed:	materials for the selected object lesson, in which you turn the something ordinary into something special. Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- fold a piece of origami with ordinary paper- shine light through a prism to make a rainbow- make some type of drink with water and drink crystals- perform a magic trick

Gathering Activity:

Good morning, I'm glad to see you all today. Let's settle into comfortable positions so we can listen well, and see well, and think well about a story where something very special happens. *[Once they are settled, begin with the object lesson. Talk about the ordinary object you've chosen (paper, light, water, etc.) Ask them if they see anything special about the object. Stress its ordinariness, how there are lots of the object etc, while you manipulate your object to turn it into some thing special (the drink, or origami figure, etc.) Put the object safely aside and focus on the story.]*

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Story:

Let's think about the story from John 2:1-11, that was just read to us. What do we remember? What happened in the story?

Review the basic facts; especially that Jesus made water into wine at a wedding.

Great. I'm glad you were listening to the scripture reading. Do any of you drink wine? I did not think so. Do you think that the servants had ever filled jars with water before? (Yes) Do you think the servants were doing anything different for this wedding than for other weddings? (No) The servants were doing the ordinary things a servant was supposed to do. Jesus used these ordinary actions of the servants and ordinary things like jars and water to make something very special. He turned ordinary water into very good wine. That's how Jesus was, back then, and that's how Jesus is now. When we do ordinary things for Jesus, he can still use them to do something special; something that makes us and those around us feel special and loved. Ordinary can become extraordinary. *Pick up and hold the object you created out of something ordinary.*

Prayer:

Thank you Jesus, that you can use our ordinary actions to do extraordinary things. We want to follow you and be part of the special things that happen when you are at work among us. Amen.

Wondering questions:

- I wonder what the servants thought when they filled the jars with water.
- I wonder what they felt when they saw wine pour out of the jars.
- I wonder what this story wants to show us.
- I wonder what ordinary acts of ours Jesus wants to use to do something extraordinary.