

Wedding at Cana

Youth Group Session Six

Office of Youth & Young Adult Ministry – Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA
Written by Natalie Kapeluck Nixon and Kira Haluszczak
Edited Rev. Fr. John Haluszczak and Catherine Bucharew

Session

So far we have learned about the life of Mary from the annunciation of her birth to her death. We have shared in the witness of her holy, pure, and humble life. We have also seen how her son, Jesus Christ – honored and loved her. Today we are going to learn of another event in the life of Jesus and His Mother Mary that shows his love and respect for her.

Read pages 33-35. Mary and Jesus were at what kind of happy event?

What happened at the wedding?

What did Mary do?

Jesus answered His mother by saying, “What do you wish for me to do? It is not yet my time to be revealed.” What do you think Jesus meant by this?

Up until this point, Jesus had not given any clues or indication to anyone that he was the Son of God. He knew that it was not the right time to show that he is the Son of God. He knew that performing a miracle for all to see would confuse people. Yet, he loved and wanted to honor His mother. So he chose to help in a way that would not reveal His true identity to the people.

What did he do?

How did he protect the fact that it was a miracle?

Discuss how at breakfast, they pulled out the same water jars they always use and that it looked like water inside but when they tasted it – it was a surprise. How did they feel? Did they figure out quickly what had happened? Did any of them guess why the water had been switched? How can they apply this to what happened at Cana?

This was Jesus’ first miracle and it was performed at the request of His mother. Because of this great miracle, we know that the Mother of God intercedes with her son for those in need and distress. We also know that in His mercy He will help those that Mary asks Him to help.

Intercede. Do you know what that word means?

Have you ever had a friend who needed help but didn't know what to do, so you went to their parents, your parents or a friend to find more help for that person? Can you think of ways that we intercede for people all the time?

Charities are a good example of interceding for people who need help. Charities raise money, awareness, find needed items, give help in many ways to people that need help and can't find what they need on their own.

Intercessory Prayer

Knowing that everyone in the world needs God's help, we add our prayers to theirs. If God hears each one of us, imagine how He hears a whole group of us praying for the same person! We also pray for others because they may not be able to pray for themselves. We pray for the departed, asking God to give them good rest and forgiveness. We pray for our enemies because only God knows what is in their hearts and we don't want their hatred of us to bring them to further sin. We pray for those we love when they are in need or distress.

When we pray for others who we know, we should pray for them by name. Remember, God knows each of them, too.

Mary intercedes for us every day. She prays to her Son, that He may have mercy on our souls. Mary is the greatest hope we have in reaching the ears of her son.