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The Wedding at Cana



Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley
of tears.

Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.
Amen.



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John 2:1-12

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.  When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
 [And] Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." 

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.  After this, he and his mother, [his] brothers, and his disciples went down to Capernaum and stayed there only a few days.

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**As your teacher reads the Scripture again,
answer the questions below together.**

1 What took place on the third day and who was there?

2 What concern did Mary take to Jesus?

3 What miracle did Jesus perform?

4 Why did Jesus perform this miracle and what started to happen after He did?





Free, Total, Faithful, and Fruitful

Read about marriage, and then complete the chart.

Marriage is a covenant that has existed since God made it when He created Adam and Eve.

When Jesus came, He made marriage also a sacrament.

Now that Jesus has redeemed us and made marriage a sacrament, marriage between a baptized man and woman also reflects God's Divine nature.

God's love for us has four components, or parts: it is free, total, faithful, and fruitful.

God's love is a **free** gift to us. We do nothing to earn His love, and, though we can freely choose to reject Him, there is nothing we can do to lose His love.

God's love is **total** and self-giving. God gives all of Himself to us. He holds nothing back. He loved us so much that the Son of God assumed a human nature in the Person of Jesus Christ, and gave all that He had, His very life, for us on the Cross.

God's love is **faithful**. God does not take away His love from us at any time for any reason. Even though we are less than faithful to Him when we sin, He remains near to us. Like the father of the prodigal son, He rejoices when we repent of our sins and return to Him in the Sacrament of Penance.

God's love is **fruitful**. God is the Creator of all things and He holds all things in continued existence solely because He loves us. He is love itself. The Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity, eternally proceeds from the Father and the Son. With them, He is one and equal.



These four components define God's love. The love of a husband and wife in marriage is a reflection of how God loves. In your own words, define each of the components of God's love, and the love of husband and wife.

FREE	TOTAL
FAITHFUL	FRUITFUL



Sophia Sketchpad Marriage

Together, watch the 6-minute video on marriage at SophiaSketchPad.org and read the reflection below. Then discuss the question: **How is marriage a sign of the Blessed Trinity?**



Marriage is a sacred covenant between one man and one woman. This essential mystery of our Christian faith is made manifest in the union of man and woman in marriage. A husband loves his wife and gives his entire self to her in marriage. She in turn receives his love and returns it as a gift of her entire self to him. Their love, in the normal course of things, is fruitful, and, in the cooperation of God’s creative power, produces life. Thus, the family is the primary and essential cell of society. The union of spouses was ordained by God from the beginning to be a sign of Christ’s love for His Church, and an icon of the Trinity, a sign of His very life.

Talk About It!

How did the video help you understand that marriage is a sign of the Blessed Trinity?
