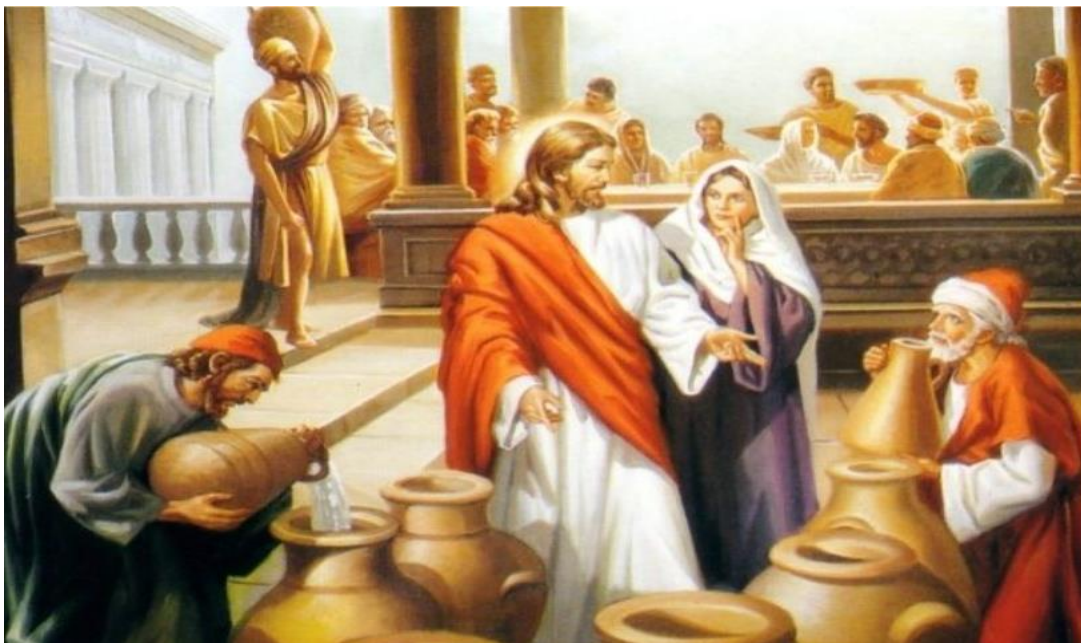


SUNDAY CAPSULE

WEDDING AT CANA Jesus turns water into wine.

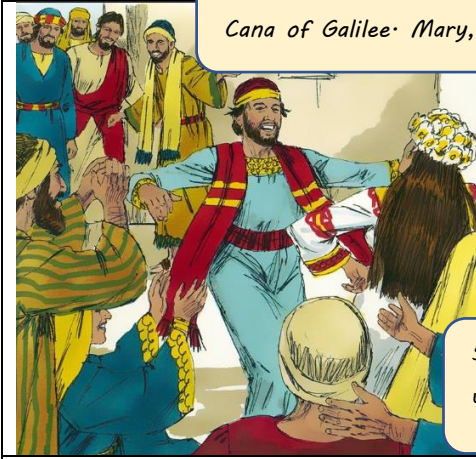


Season of Big Fast – This is the season of penance in preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of the Lord. The Church commemorates during this season: the Forty days Abstinence of our Lord, His Public Life, Passion and Death. The Big Fast extends to 50 days, from the first Sunday of the Fast to the Easter. There are 7 Sundays in this season before Easter. The miracles of Jesus, which reveal his divinity, are remembered during the first six Sundays of the Fast.

KOTHINE SUNDAY

Kothine Sunday is the first Sunday in the season of the Great Fast. The passage that is selected by the Church to be read as the Holy Gospel reading on Kothine Sunday, which is the Sunday of the opening of great lent is St. John 2:1-11. Kothine is used because Cana is called by its other name Kothine in Syriac Bible.

Jesus & his disciples were invited to a marriage in Cana of Galilee. Mary, Jesus's mother was also there.



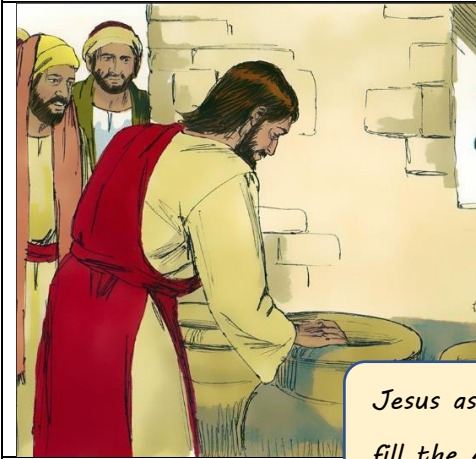
Some people drank so much wine that there was none left for the rest of the guests.



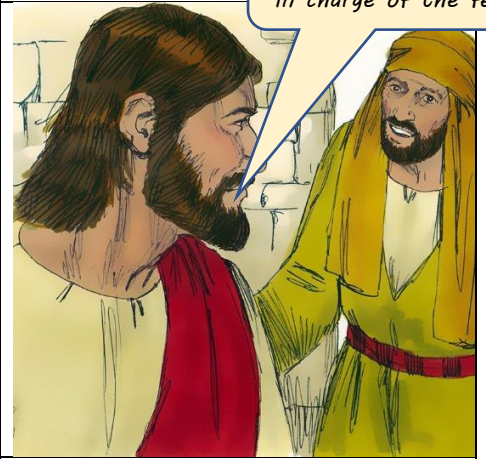
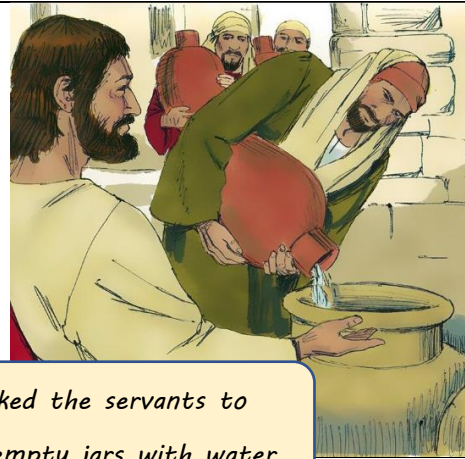
My Son, they are out of wine



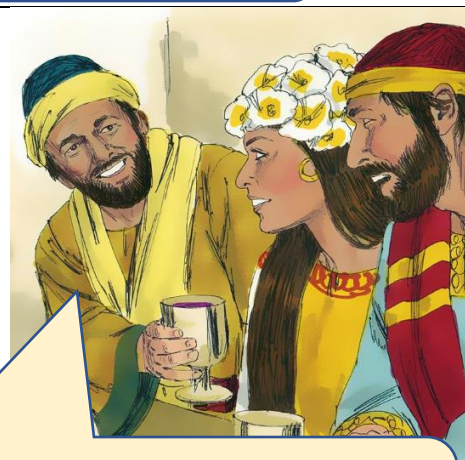
Take it to the man in charge of the feast



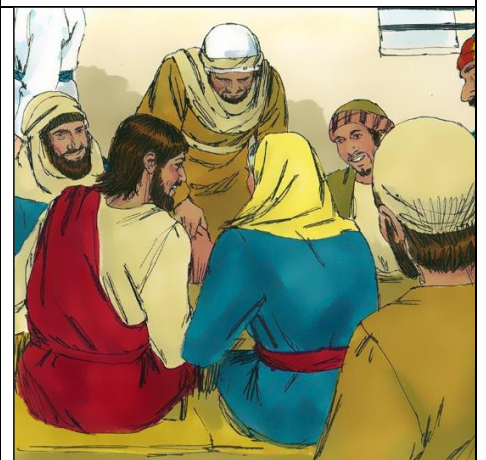
Jesus asked the servants to fill the empty jars with water



This is the best wine I have ever tasted!



Usually, the best wine comes first and then the ordinary wine. But you have kept the best wine until now.



How could this have happened? The servants put plain water into the jars and the water turned to wine. That is impossible! No one could make that happen, could they?

But Jesus made it happen.

When something is impossible but it happens anyway - that is called a miracle. Jesus performed many miracles after this but turning water to wine at the wedding in Cana was Jesus' first miracle.