

Youth Teaching Resources

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A Good Way to Begin — Psalm 147:12-20

Jesus: The Curtain Rises

Of Water and Fire — Luke 3:15-22 (RCL 3:15-17, 21-22)

Of Water and Wine — John 2:1-11

An Old Scroll and a New Mission — Luke 4:14-21

A New Prophet and an Old Response — Luke 4:21-30

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Of Water and Wine

John 2:1-11

YOUTH Teaching Guide

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TEACHER PREPARATION: YOUTH AND THIS LESSON

Social media allows our students to share their life with their friends, family, and the rest of the world. They can share what they are doing, where they are going, what they are thinking, and even what they eating. All of this is points the focus to them. But what else could our students use social media for? How could ours students use social media as signs that point to God? What if you challenged your students to share how the see the fruits of the Spirit in their everyday lives? Have your students come up with an idea and create a hashtag to go along with it. Help your students to see how even social media can be used to point to where God is at work.

TEACHING THE LESSON

Fellowship

Begin your session by showing the clip “25 Signs You Listened to Christian Music Growing Up.” If you are unable to show the clip, read the list of 25 signs from the clip, and then facilitate a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) Which signs do you relate to?
- 2) What was your favorite sign?
- 3) What sign would you add to their list?
- 4) Could you have guessed what this list was pointing to without the title?
- 5) What would people say your life pointed to if you asked them?

Information

Transition to the next section of the session by reading John 2:1-11. Allow the students to ask any initial questions they have about the text. As you answer their questions, you may want to provide some of the information from THE BIBLE LESSON, printed in *Baptists Today*.

When the students have had an opportunity to share their initial thoughts, continue the discussion by facilitating a discussion using questions like the following:

- 1) Why did Mary come to Jesus when they ran out of wine for the guests?
- 2) How does Jesus' address of Mary signify a change in his relationship with her?
- 3) Why would Jesus not want to show his power and then turn the water into wine?
- 4) What is the significance of the sign that Jesus performs?
- 5) What is the purpose of the signs in the gospel of John?

If your group would like to continue their discussion on this passage, share some of the insights provided in "Digging Deeper" (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide). You may want to use some questions like the following to facilitate your discussion:

- 1) What has the church's response been to alcohol consumption in the past and at the present?
- 2) What were some other places that Jesus hung out that the Pharisees would not have approved?
- 3) How does this miracle point to the Lord's Supper?

You may also want your group to discuss "The Hardest Question" (NF Online Adult Teaching Guide): What does John mean by "signs"?

Transformation

Conclude your session by forming groups of four and five and distribute one index card and pen to each student. Instruct each student to write their name on the top of their card and pass it to the person on their right. When the cards have been passed, have the new person write one way they have seen the person whose name is on the card point toward God with their actions. After the cards have been passed around the circle, have the group come back together and share ways they see the group point toward God.

Close with a prayer for guidance on how each of us can continue to point toward God in how we live our lives.