

# Changing water into wine

John 2: 1-11

# Some embarrassments?

- Jesus spent time at a social occasion.
- He provided wine.
- The way he spoke to his mother.
- He used his power for a very ordinary need.



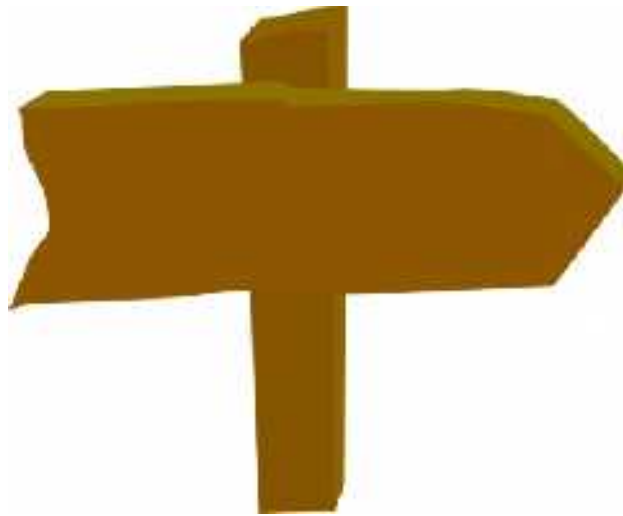
# What does the story say about Jesus?

- He honours marriage.
- He helps people when they are in trouble.
- He rewards obedience.
- He blesses abundantly.
- He stimulates faith.



# A Sign

That which points beyond itself to something or someone else.



# Explaining away the miracle

- Mixture of water and sediment.
- They were too drunk to notice.
- It was just water.
- Simply speeding up the natural process.
- They bought some from the local shop.



# The sign

- Points to Christ - the son of God.
- Points to Christianity:
  - Outer ritual abolished
  - Inner joy brought
  - A sign of our faith



# At Communion, remember:

- Jesus is the son of God.
- The joy he came to bring.
- The blood he shed for us.
- Let's look forward to drinking wine with Him in glory

