



John 2:1–11

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:19**

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

MEMORY VERSE

In a world where the seemingly miraculous happens every day, how can we recognize the glory of God? Let's face it, if people in biblical times had ever witnessed planes flying through the air with people on board, men and women having conversations with others via cell phones, and something even as common as indoor running water, they would have believed they were witnessing miracles beyond their wildest imagination. Are we hardened by this technological wonder we call progress? Is there any room for God to perform the miraculous and be able to make an impression on us?

Certainly, and He does it every day. First, God isn't out to impress us, but He is out to let us see glimpses of His glory. You see, God's glory is all about the revealing of who He is. When God allows us to see His glory, it is so we may understand His love, His character, and the fact that He is the God who longs to relate to us.

Read John 2:1–11. This is where Jesus marked the beginning of His ministry through the display of His divine

authority and glory. Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana. Jesus wasn't ready for the whole world to know what He was capable of doing through miracles, but He was ready to show people a glimpse of who He was as God—having control over everything, revealing His loving and compassionate nature, plus His ability to meet any need, both physical and spiritual.

It's hard to impress teenagers today. They live in a world of every known technological wonder, and these wonders are changing every day. However, when teens are introduced to Jesus, they see something extraordinary. They see a God who is in touch with their lives and their needs, and who wants them to know Him. God is more than capable of making an impression, but He often uses subtle ways to reveal Himself. When we point young people to Christ and spiritual changes begin to occur, the result is something miraculous—displaying only what God could do.

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

First, your family makes a list of things that are a normal part of your lives, which would have been seen as miraculous only a hundred years ago. Next, your family discusses: **What could God possibly do that would seem miraculous to us today?**

Explore . . .

A family member reads John 2:1–11. The family discusses: **What was so impressive about Jesus turning water into wine? What, if anything, do you think Jesus would want people to know about His ability to perform miracles? What miracles has God performed in your life, and what did you discover about God as a result?**

Transform . . .

Your family finishes this sentence: **Because God has made Himself known to us through____, we will_____.** (You may include such verbs as *trust, love, relate, share, express, grow, apply, create, go, and behave* in finishing your sentence.)

*Pray together that God will help you see the ways He displays His glory, revealing Himself to you and your family.
Pray that your family will respond to His displays of glory in love for Him and obedience.*