#Hands on lockdown worship 24 Jan 2021

Prepare: you will need a bible and something to write with. These times of worship will go on for several weeks so you have a notebook, or an envelope to keep what you write.

1. Begin with the Lord’s prayer
2. Read John 2:1-11 (Cana wedding)
3. Explore details of that reading:

***Wine*** was drunk by everyone in Jesus’ world. The poor drank the bad wine which came from the third pressing of the grapes- what the head waiter expected. All Greeks and Romans expected to drink wine and this story shows Jesus to them as like the god Dionysius who would turn the rivers and plumbing into wine. 20 to 30 gallons x 6= 120 to 180 gallons (700 litres or 1000 70cl wine bottles).

TASK: look at all the containers in your home (bath, basin, hot water tank, bucket etc) see how much liquid they could hold. Compare this with Cana.

***Wedding*** is a common human festival selected by Jesus to explain who he is. Read Mark 2:18-20 and John 3:29. Name the feelings Jesus asks us to remember.

List common Christian experiences you can link to this reading.

1. A way to ask God
   1. List the people you have enjoyed being with at a party. Talk to God about how you miss them and what is special about each one.
   2. Cana was a new beginning. Select new starts in relationships between people that you hope for.
   3. Wine is made in different places. List places you can think of. Ask God to help the people in those places including Israel and the USA. Say what they need help for.
   4. Ask God to help people who are sick, and particularly the hospital staff who are working so hard. Name the hospitals and Care Homes you know.
2. A way to thank God
   1. List the times you have smiled this week.
   2. Choose the things that have helped you this week.
   3. Write down something that has looked, smelled, or tasted lovely.
   4. Name people who have impressed you this week.
3. Finally: select a song or piece of music that you think has a connection to the Cana story. (There are no wrong answers) e-mail it to Jonathan or send it to the WhatsApp group.

Bless you and keep you in the coming week. Amen

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