



# UNIT 1 – JESUS' EARLY MINISTRY

## Lesson 1 A Good God

 **Text:** John 2:1-11

 **Bible Truth:** God's presence in our midst makes a big difference in our lives.

 **Central Truth:** There are several factors that affect the quality of our lives.

 **Memory Verse:** 1 Chronicles 16:25 "For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: he is also to be feared above all gods." **OR**

1 Chronicles 16:25a "For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:"

### GETTING STARTED



1. Mention the names of some popular people. Get the students to mention one or two things they know about the person. E.g. Deborah in the Bible, the boy with the two loaves and five fishes, Mary Slessor, Walt Disney, Dr. Chris Tunde Joda. All these people did good things that the world acknowledges. OR
2. Have pictures (or the real thing) of e.g. good tomato and tomato that is spoilt, good apple and a bad apple, raw rice and cooked rice. The students should say which one is good for eating. OR
3. Play a game where two to four students each have to throw five balls into a basket. Have the other students assess whether the students who threw the balls were good or not good in terms of targeting the basket. (Remember for the assessment, it is not whether the child is good or not good, but whether or not the child threw the balls well.)

### THE WORD



Weddings are great celebrations. Usually it is a time of great rejoicing as a man and a woman agreed to come together to become one. ( $1 \times 1 = 1$ ) The two families are excited about the new home that is about the start, and the couple themselves are happy about this one person that they plan on spending the rest of their lives with.

You can imagine what it's like if you attend a wedding and they tell you that there's only hot soft drink to drink. How about if they tell you that there's rice but no meat or chicken, or even worse, that there's no food at all? Although you would be happy for the couple, you wouldn't be happy with the situation. That was what would have happened at this particular wedding at Cana in Galilee that Jesus was invited to. We need to ensure that Jesus is invited into all that concerns us. Jesus doesn't gate crash.

The servant servers (what we know as waiters) served and served wine until it ran out. There was trouble because the celebration was still on. What would the bridegroom tell his guests? However Mary, the mother of Jesus, told Jesus about the dilemma (the problem) on ground. When he said it was not yet time, she told the servants to do whatever Jesus told them to do. When the time was ripe, Jesus told the servants to fill the water pots with water. Each water pot was capable of containing about 75 litres of water. The servants trusted and obeyed Jesus and his mother even though they didn't understand why they were supposed to do what they had been told to do. They were then told to take some of the liquid in the jar to the person in charge of the festivities. He tasted it, and not only was the water now non-alcoholic wine, it was quality non-alcoholic wine. The celebration ended on a happy note.

God wants our celebrations to end on a happy note. God doesn't just give us gifts, he gives us quality gifts, because he is a good God.

## MEMORY VERSE

1 Chronicles 16:25 "For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: he is also to be feared above all gods."

1 Chronicles 16:25a "For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:"

## SONG – God is Good

God is good. We sing and shout it.  
God is good. We celebrate.  
God is good. No more we doubt it.  
God is good. We know it's true.

And when I think of his love for me  
My heart fills with praise and I feel like  
dancing.

For there is room in his heart for me  
And I run with arms open wide.

## God is Good All the Time

God is good all the time  
He put a song of praise in this heart of mine.  
God is good all the time  
Through the darkest night his light will shine.  
God is good. He's so good,  
All the time.

## God is So Good

God is so good X3  
He's so good to me

## AT OUR LEVEL

- How has God been good to you?
- Mention one or two wonderful gifts that you received that you were not expecting.
- Mention something good that happened to you that you were surprised about the source.
- Mention one or two ways God has used you to make someone else very happy.

## CONFESSION

I serve a good God. He does great things for me. Because of him, I can be in good health. Because of him all my needs are met. Because of him I have friends and family members who love me. Because of him I will achieve great things in life. My God is a good God and he has made me good as well. I will achieve great things in life.

## REVISION

1. The memory verse for today's lesson is \_\_\_\_\_
2. In our Bible story for today, how did God demonstrate that he was good?
3. Mention one factor that affects the quality of your life.
4. Mention two good qualities the servants who poured the water had.
5. Mention the name of three people that were mentioned today who also did good things.

## ACTIVITY – WORKSHEETS

Do the worksheets.

## IN CLOSING

Summarize the lesson and pray.