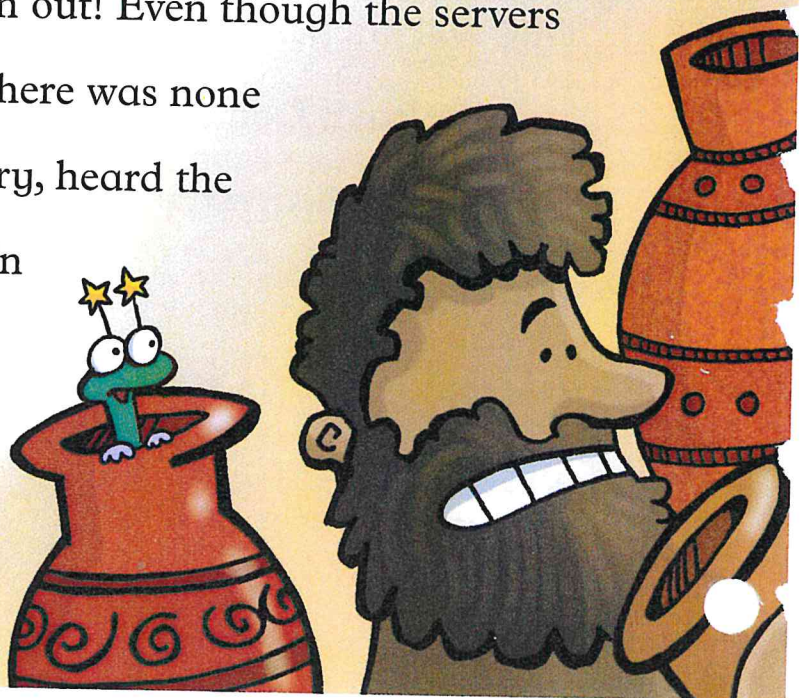


Wedding at Cana

Jesus was at a wedding in the town of Cana. Jesus' family and the disciples were there. It was a grand day for a wedding—the sun was shining, and everyone was singing and dancing. It was quite a party, with good food and good wine!

“Mmmm,” the guests said to one another. “This is probably the best party we have ever been to!”

Then the wine ran out! Even though the servers shook every wine jar, there was none left. Jesus' mother, Mary, heard the servers tell the person in charge of the party,



“All of the stone jars are empty and the wine is gone!”

“How can this be?”
they asked. “The party
isn’t over yet!”



Mary slipped away to find Jesus.

“Jesus,” Mary said, “they have run out of wine!
Can’t you do something?”

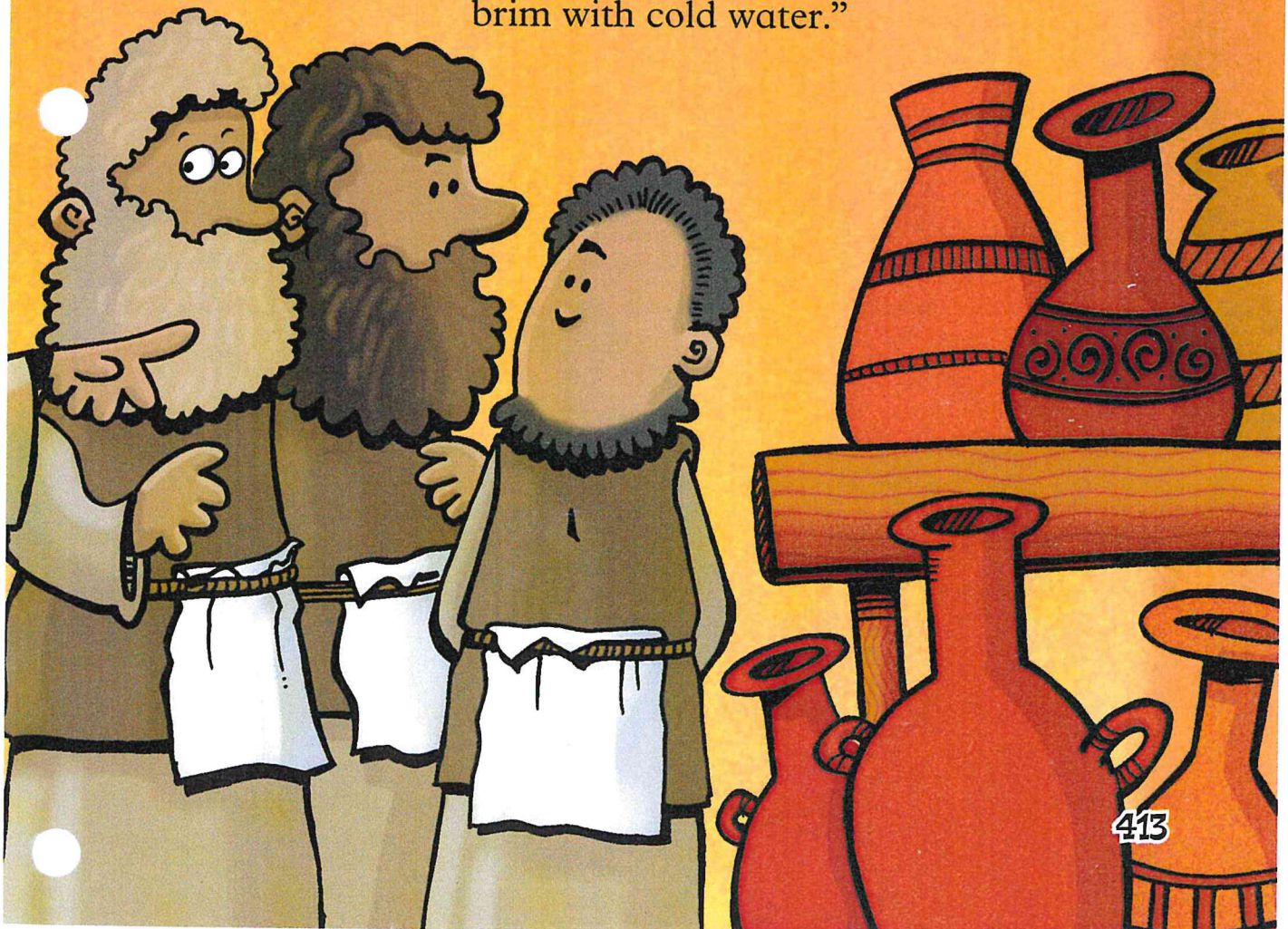
“What could I do?” Jesus asked Mary.

But Mary knew Jesus could do something. Mary
told the servers, “Do whatever my son, Jesus, tells you
to do. I think he can help you.”



Jesus looked around. Over by the wall, he saw six large stone jars sitting near the table. Jesus walked over to the servers and said, “Fill these jars with cold water.”

The servers hurried to the water pool. Slosh, slosh, slosh—they filled the jars with water. When the jars were full of water up to the brim, the servers told Jesus, “We’ve done what you asked. The jars are full to the brim with cold water.”



“Good,” Jesus said. “Now put some into a cup, and give it to the person in charge of the party.”

Slosh, slosh, slosh—the servers filled a cup from the stone jar and took it to the person in charge. When he tasted it, he smiled. It was a miracle! The water had turned to wine! This wine was even better than the wine they were serving before. The man in charge took a cup of wine to the groom and gave it to him.



“My friend, taste this! You have kept the best wine until now! Most people serve the best wine first, but you have saved the best for last.”

The servers hurried to give everyone the new wine. The music played, and everyone sang and danced. This was Jesus’ first miracle, and when his disciples learned of it, they believed that he was God’s Son even more than they did before.



★ If you had been there when the water was turned into wine, what would you have thought about Jesus?