

GO TIME!

The second chapter of John tells the story of Jesus attending a wedding in Galilee, along with His mother and disciples.



Suddenly Jesus' mother tells Him...

THEY HAVE NO WINE.



But Jesus answered,

WHY DO YOU INVOLVE ME?



MY TIME HAS NOT YET COME. ¹

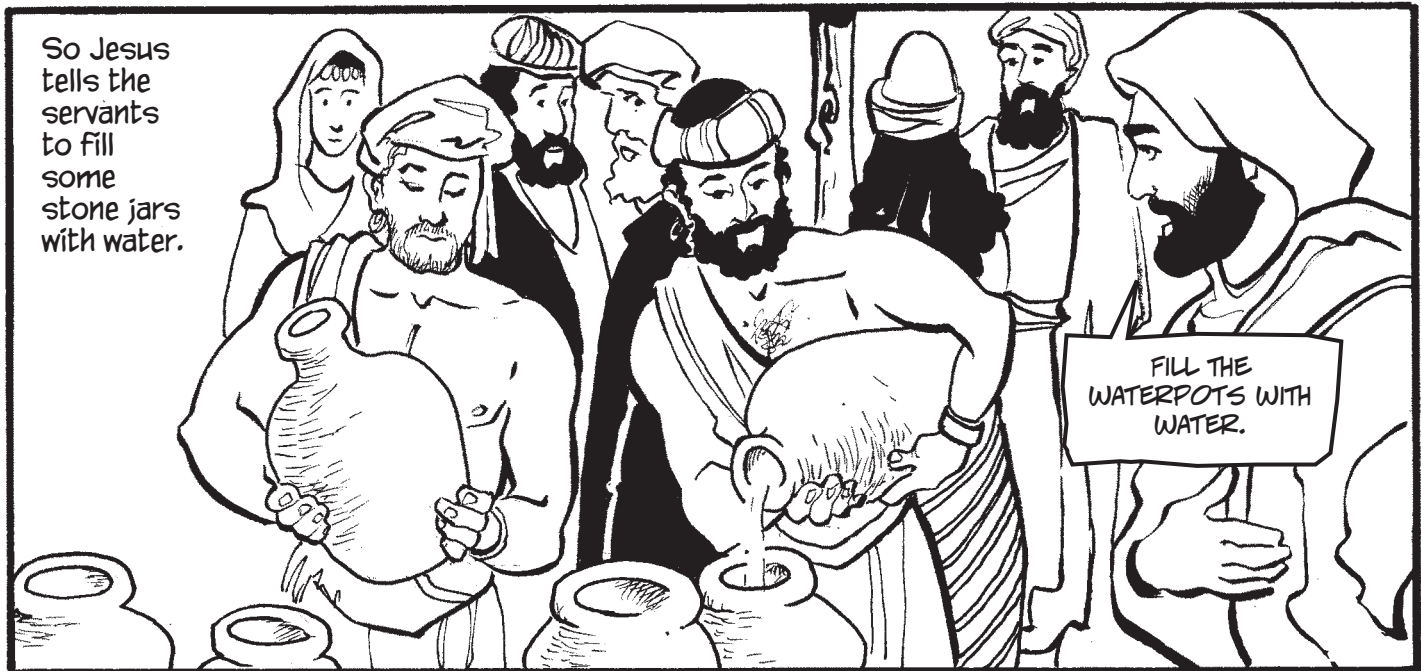
Jesus was a guest. It doesn't seem like it should have been His job to make sure there was enough wine.

It would seem His mom was expecting a supernatural solution to the beverage problem, or she wouldn't have brought it to Jesus.



His mother then tells the servants,

DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.²



So Jesus tells the servants to fill some stone jars with water.

FILL THE WATERPOTS WITH WATER.

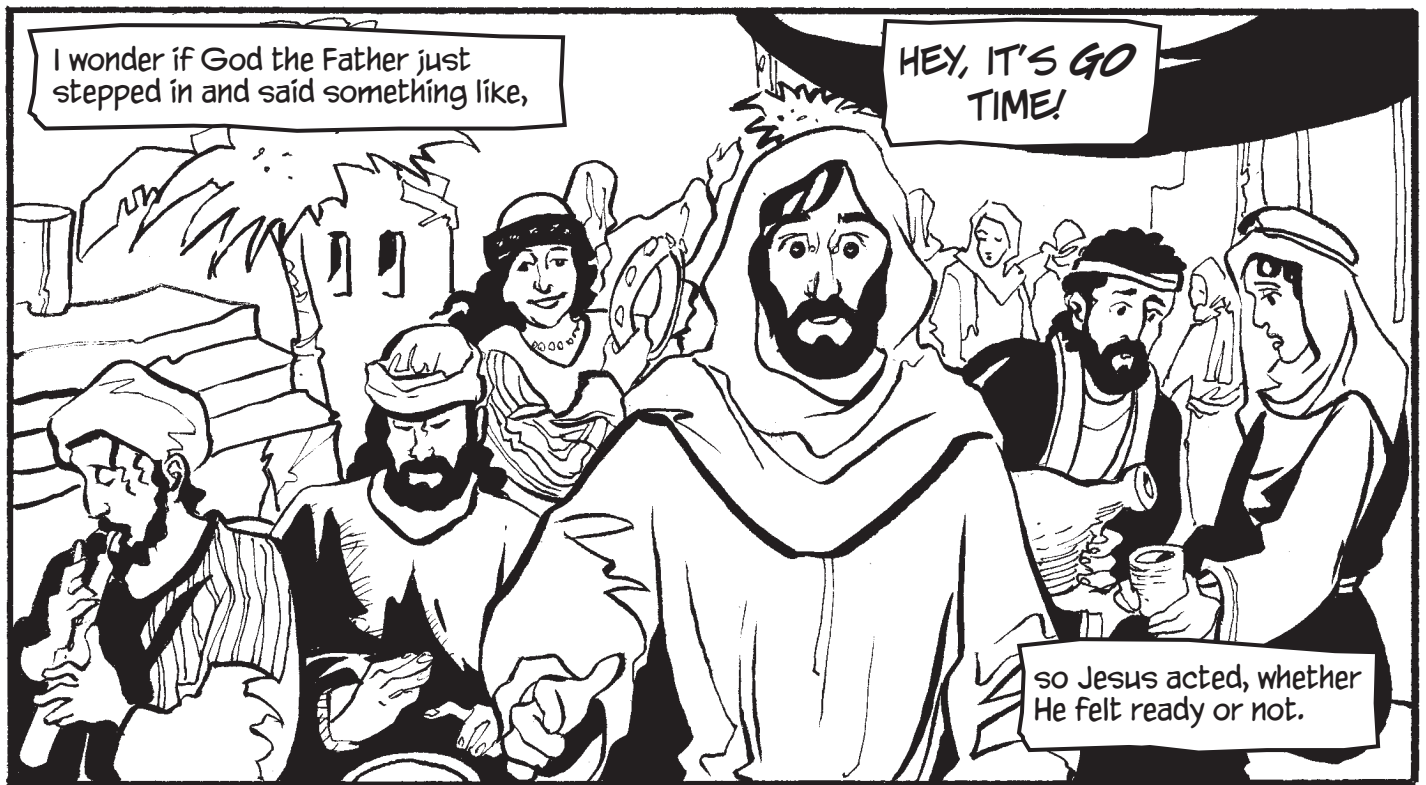
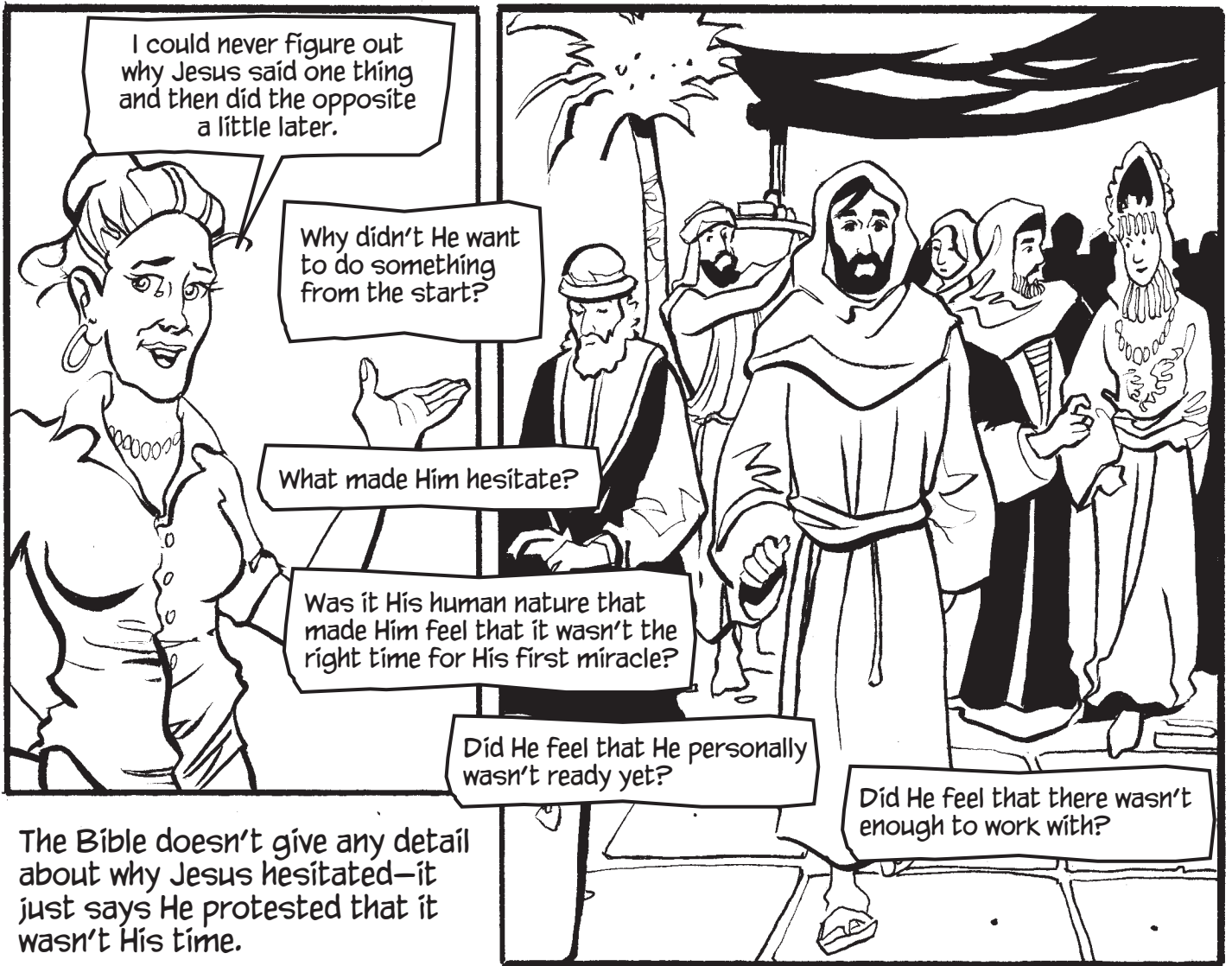


He then turns that water into wine, and the master of the banquet comments to the bridegroom on how strange it is that such great wine is being served last.

EVERYONE BRINGS OUT THE CHOICE WINE FIRST AND THEN THE CHEAPER WINE AFTER THE GUESTS HAVE HAD TOO MUCH TO DRINK;

BUT YOU HAVE SAVED THE BEST TILL NOW.³

² John 2:5 NIV
³ John 2:10 NIV



Maybe He didn't feel comfortable doing His first public miracle, but God presented Him an opportunity where He *had* to act, so He used what He had.

AT VARIOUS TIMES IN MY LIFE, I'VE BEEN HELD BACK BY THE FEELING THAT I'M JUST NOT READY.



When Peter and John met the lame man at the temple gates, I doubt they were thinking...

HEY, TIME TO WHIP OUT OUR AWESOMELY PERFECTED MIRACLE WORKING SKILLS!

SILVER AND GOLD HAVE I NONE;

BUT SUCH AS I HAVE GIVE I THEE: IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OF NAZARETH RISE UP AND WALK.⁴

They didn't sit down and write a speech, plan out a strategy, or double-check their Miracles 101 textbook.

God had shoved them into an opportunity, and they simply trusted that He would work through them.⁵

⁴ Acts 3:6 KJV
⁵ Acts 3:1-8

THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT ONCE YOU DO LEARN A SKILL OR TALENT YOU SHOULDN'T KEEP IMPROVING THEM.



By all means, learn what you can, improve what you can, make solid plans, and listen to wise counsel,...

GOOD STUFF, MARIE. YOU JUST NEED TO WORK A LITTLE MORE ON THE PERSPECTIVE.

...but don't let imperfection hold you back.

As you take the little, imperfect steps that you can, God will go to work for you and fill in for your lacks.



THIS IS HILARIOUS, MARIE!

It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.⁶

© Philippians 2:13 NIV

