The Wedding at Cana
Bonus Elements for Marriage Curriculum

Dramatic Monologue: Mary's Perspective
(Dressed in a costume reflecting apparel from Bible days, this monologue can be copied and printed in large enough font to set on a nearby stand or podium, giving an appearance of speaking directly to the children rather than reading from the script.)

Mary: "Every mother has dreams for her son. She hopes to see him marry someday and have a family of his own. Grandchildren are a blessing every woman looks forward to. (Looks at children and speaks directly to them.) Do you have grandmothers? They think you are wonderful, do they not? My oldest son, Jesus, never gave me grandchildren, because He never married on this earth. God had special plans for Him. I knew this even before he was born; even before I was married. I was engaged to marry a man named Joseph, but before we married something amazing happened. An angel appeared before me and announced that God had chosen me to bear His son, and I was to call His name Jesus. By our Creator God's design and miraculous power, His own son grew in my body as a tiny baby. Joseph also had a visit from an angel who told him of this miraculous happening. Joseph married me and became our son's earthly father. I knew God had a great plan for Jesus and it was an honor to raise Him. Growing up, He worked as a carpenter with Joseph.

At the age of thirty, it was time for Jesus to begin the work His father in heaven had planned. I find it amusing that God chose a wedding as the place for Jesus to reveal to His disciples that the glory of God was working in Him. Jesus, His disciples, and I were included as invited wedding guests. Weddings in our culture lasted seven days and sometimes longer. The hosts of the wedding provided food and drink as appreciation to the guests, but at this wedding, the host ran out of wine. Such a lapse in hospitality would bring shame to the host of the event. I was concerned and let Jesus know of the issue. Can you guess what Jesus did? Using the water that had been set aside in the pots for washing, Jesus performed a miracle. By God's power, the water was turned into the best-tasting wine of the long feast. It was the first miracle Jesus performed and was a sign to all of us that God's hand was guiding Him.

That wasn't the greatest wedding miracle though. To explain this statement, I must remind you that Jesus had several symbolic names: He's been referred to as The Bread of Life, The Good Shepherd, The Living Water, and many more names. A very special name for Him is The Bridegroom. I have a question for you. If Jesus is The Bridegroom, then, who is His bride? Can you guess? I will give you a hint. The God-given role of a groom is to love, provide for, and protect his wife. In His role as The Bridegroom, who has Jesus loved, provided for, and protected? To answer that question, let us think about the reason Jesus left heaven and became a man.

The answer is love. God sent Jesus to earth so that he could save us from our sins and the penalty for sin is severe. The payment for sin is death and all of us have sinned, except Jesus. The first man and woman God created disobeyed God and every person born since then have been guilty of going against God's will for him or her. But Jesus was born of God, not man. Remember the miracle I told you about his birth? He was God's perfect son who committed no wrongdoing. Our sin separated us from God, but Jesus, God's perfect Son, died on the cross to pay for our sins. The Bible says it like this, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." By his death and resurrection, Jesus, like a bridegroom loved, provided for, and protected us. Everyone that believes in his heart and confesses with his mouth that Jesus is Lord and God has raised him from the dead is a bride of Christ. My son, Jesus, never had a wife while he walked the earth, but someday he will return and call His believers, His bride, to Him in heaven. What a wedding feast that will be!"