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**Talk About:** As you carefully clean up, ask these questions about miracles:

1. Jesus did many miracles. Name a few. Do you think those same miracles still happen today?
2. If you could've witnessed any of Jesus' miracles, which one would it have been?
3. What does it tell you about Jesus that his first miracle happened at a wedding?

### **Pray Together:**

Dear Loving Jesus, We praise you for your work among the people so long ago. We thank you for your work among the people today. We thank you for your suffering and death for us, as you took our place upon the cross, taking all of our sins with you. We love you, Jesus! Amen.

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