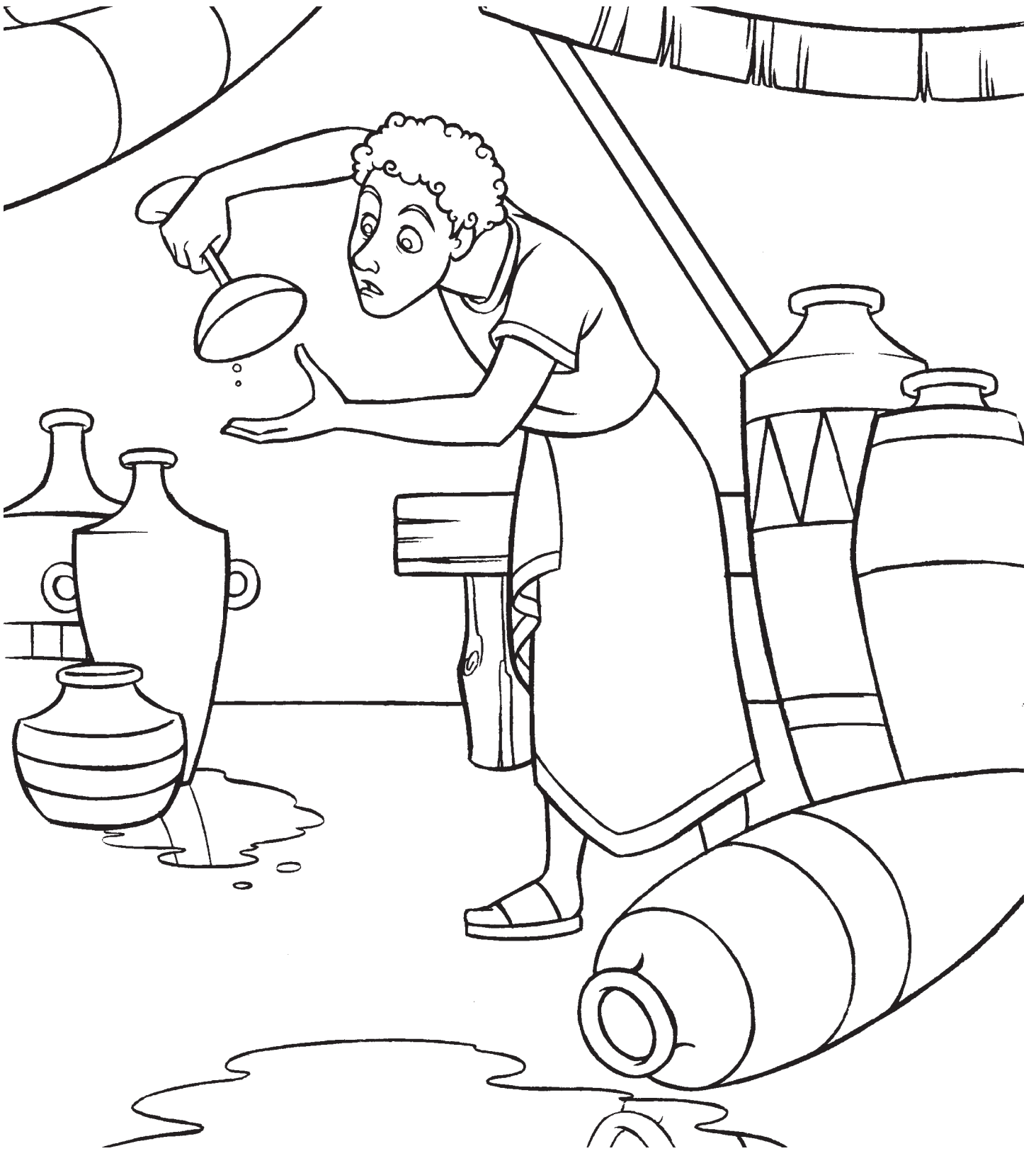




There was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there;  
Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with His disciples. (John 2:1-2)



A wedding celebration could last up to eight days, and wine was served as a symbol of the joy of the new marriage.

A wedding also required a lot of water for the Jews to wash their hands (for the 'rites of purification') before entering into the wedding feast each day. Although there was plenty of water for this washing, the wine ran out.

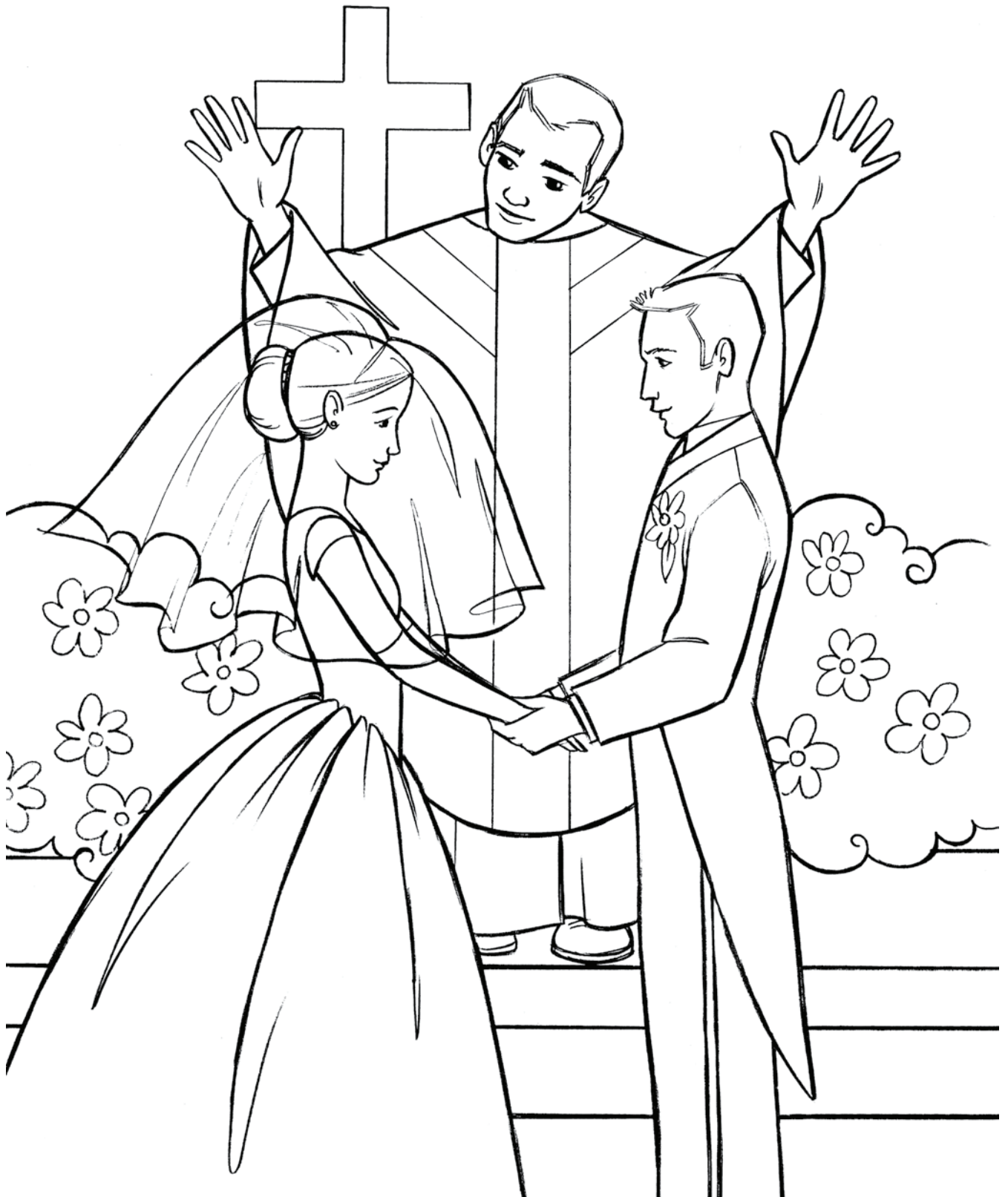


When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." (John 2:3-4)



His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you." Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. (John 2:5-7)  
And the water was changed into wine! This was Jesus' first miracle.

## Jesus continues His ministry through the Church today!



[Jesus] answered, "Have you not read that He Who made them from the beginning 'made them male and female' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one'? So they are no longer two, but one. What, therefore, God has joined together, let no man put asunder." (Matthew 19:4-6)