

Friday, December 17, 2004

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11

Text for Today: *He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. John 2:8*

In these few verses of John we experience the way of Jesus at a wedding celebration. The purchased wine was used and then Jesus told the servers to fill the jars with water. The water became wine and the celebration continued with the best wine. Jesus' help or miracle was available in the crisis of the newlyweds.

We too experience miracles each day, week, or month if we are observant. Each time the ChristCare Stitchers meet, I feel the awesome power of Christ in our midst. He is at work in each of us and in those that aren't present. We are blessed with needed supplies for blanket making as we have need of them. And when we have an abundant amount, we are able to share with other groups to make book bags for missions, Pieces of Love for DOVE, or the bears for children at Decatur Memorial Hospital. We try to be good stewards of the blessings given to the Stitchers.

Another type of miracle happens when the group meets and works together. They share their skills and teach one another techniques to improve their blanket making. The miracle of helping hands, helping one another do tasks that develop creativity and the sense of belonging at the same time is awe inspiring. As we share in the group, one may even shed a tear or two at the tug of one's heart when hearing the medical news of some of those receiving the blankets.

Blanket making in ChristCare Stitchers is not about "How I did it or made it." It is about the person receiving the blanket feeling the love that was put into making the blanket. Yes, we must have the learning, but the most important part is in our giving of these beautiful completed treasures.

During this Advent season, look for the miracles happening around you each day, week, and month. We want to give gifts at this time of year and be ready to see the result of the miracles around us as Jesus did in Cana.

Prayer: Thank you, Lord, for your love and care of us. May the power of Jesus be around us all day in the events and work we do. Help us to be a part of the miracles and to show love and concern for others today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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