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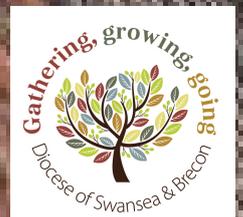
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The Marvellous Picnic

It wasn't long before lots of people wanted to hear Jesus talk about God. And many more wanted him to make them well. So they followed him everywhere. From town to town. From city to country. And all the way back again.

"We need a rest," Jesus said to his friends one day. So they took a little boat trip across Lake Galilee, hoping to camp for a while in the hills beyond. But people were so eager to see Jesus that they raced around the shoreline to meet him on the other side!

Jesus was tired. But when he turned and saw the people following him up the hill, he stopped. "They're like sheep without a shepherd," he said to his friends. "they need someone to show them the way."

So he sat himself down - right then and there. And he started to teach.

"God loves you," Jesus said. "He knows what's best for you. The most amazing things can happen when you trust him."

Jesus said a lot more than that. He taught all day, in fact. And by then the people were hungry.

"Philip!" Jesus called to one of his friends. "Can you go out and buy some food for these people?"

Philip just laughed. "There are more than five thousand of them! It would take six months' pay to feed them all."

Then Andrew, Peter's brother, spoke up. "There's a boy here, Jesus, who has a little food. Five loaves of bread and a couple of fish. It's not much, but it's a start."

"So it is," grinned Jesus and he rubbed his hands together, as if he were about to go to work. "Make the people sit down in little groups. Tell them we're going to have a picnic!"

Jesus' friends looked at Jesus. They looked at the boy's little lunch. They looked at the enormous crowd. Then they looked at each other and shrugged.

"All right," they agreed. "Whatever you say."

Jesus smiled as he watched them go. Then he bowed his head, thanked God for the food, and started breaking it into pieces. The friends returned and began to pass out the pieces. And to their amazement, there was plenty for the first group, and the second group, and the third group, and then every group! Plenty for everyone. More than enough to go around. So much in fact, that there were twelve baskets full of leftovers to take home! The people patted their tummies. They struggled to their feet. They wiped the crumbs from their mouths. And some even burped! But all Jesus' friends could do was stare. "It's just as I told you," said Jesus. "God can do amazing things. All we have to do is trust him." Then he smiled at his helpers, popped a chunk of bread into his mouth and started off home.

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Taken from The Lion Storyteller Bible



Use this Bible chat mat to help you discuss the story with your family!



Music

Song: "Little Is Much" by Kitte L. Suffield

Score & Lyrics



Music



**Song: "Loaves and Fishes" by Cindy Jordan -
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Score & Lyrics



Music



Creative Prayer

Feeding the 5000

Jesus fed over 5,000 people with a couple of loaves of and some fish.

Jesus calls us to feed the hungry and share what we have as well.

At this time there are many who will go without.

With the help and permission of an adult take what you can spare from your kitchen and deliver it to a food bank

If this is not possible consider the other things people are going without at this time.

Think about ways that you can help my spreading the love of Jesus Christ through phoning and elderly relative or drawing and posting a picture to someone who is alone and anything else you can think of.

JESUS FEEDS 5000

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



JESUS FEEDS 5000

Games

Fish Race

Items needed:

**Fish shapes cut out of Tissue Paper/ newspaper
Paper plates**

Set up:

Place the fish at one end of the room on the floor

How to play:

Use the paper plate to blow the fish to the opposite end of the room.

First to reach the end wins.

If you want to make it more complicated consider creating an obstacle course to blow your fish around.



Crafts

Rock Art

You will need

Acrylic Paint
Smooth Pebbles

Instructions

1. **Pick out a smooth rock and paint it and write LITTLE IS MUCH WHEN GOD IS IN IT!**

Create your own Basket of loaves and fishes

You will need

Paper Plate
Brown Paper or Card
Pipe Cleaners or similar
Card to make fish and loaf shapes to be coloured
Glue stick

Instructions

1. **Cut the brown paper/ card into strips and weave to create a basket.**
2. **Glue weaved paper/ card to the paper plate.**
3. **Create two holes in either side of the paper plate.**
4. **Use pipe cleaners to create basket handles.**
5. **Create 5 loaves and 2 fish using card.**
6. **Colour the loaves and fish**
7. **Glue onto the basket**

