



Jesus Feeds Thousands

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Reference: Matthew 14:13-22 & Mark 6:30-44

Main Point: Jesus is the mighty son of God. He could feed more than 5000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish!

Activities to do together: Choose from the following

1. Playdough - Set up a playdough bakery table. Have the children make pretend bread, rolls, croissants, cakes etc. Have them make some playdough fish and place some fish and bread on a plate for a pretend lunch. While they create, tell them that there is a true story in the Bible about how Jesus fed lots and lots and lots and lots of people with just 5 small loaves of bread and two fish.

2. Loaves and Fish Basket - Use a large paper plate and print off the [loaves and fish](#) stencil. Just print off page 1 from the template. Colour and glue the fish and loaves onto the paper plate (basket). Add 2 pipe cleaners to the sides to make handles for a basket.

Ask them: **Who do you think can feed lots and lots and lots and lots of people with only 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread?** (*Jesus, because He is God's Son. He can do things we can't*)

3. Have a Picnic - set up a picnic rug outside and have some bread rolls and fish. If you have a basket, place it on the rug and talk about how in the bible story we are going to read, Jesus fed lots and lots and lots of people and that there were even 12 basketfuls of food left over!

4. Imaginary Play - Set up a 'kitchen area' where the children can prepare pretend meals. As they play, **Ask them:**

Do you have enough food to feed everyone in the family?

Do you have enough food to feed everyone at preschool?

Do you have enough food to feed everyone in the family, at preschool and at the shops?

How much food would you need to do that?

What would you do if you didn't have enough food for everyone?

Tell them that there is a story in the Bible about a time when there wasn't enough food to feed the lots and lots and lots of people who had come to listen to Jesus. It was getting late and they were all hungry. Jesus loved those people, he didn't want them to go home hungry so he solved the problem.

5. Craft idea - Make a fish and loaves necklace using penne pasta for your loaves and some pre cut card fish. Have your child thread onto string or yarn, 2 fish and 5 pasta. You could have them follow a pattern of 2 fish and 5 bread (pasta) or just have 2 fish and 5 bread (pasta) on the necklace. Say to them, this reminds me of a true story in the Bible that I will tell you, when Jesus fed lots and lots of people with only 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread.

6. Magnetic Play - If you have a magnetic fishing game bring it out to play. Or make your own with a piece of dowel, string tied to one end of the stick and a magnet to the end of the string. Cut out fish shapes and place large, metal paper clips to the mouths of the fish. Your child can then go fishing. Say to them, this reminds me of a true story in the Bible that I will tell you about, when Jesus fed lots and lots and lots and lots of people with only 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread.



Bible: Retell the account of Jesus feeding the five thousand found in Matthew 14:13-22, Mark 6:30-44 or, read to your child, the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand, from a children's bible such as "The Beginners Bible" .

Discussion:

Who followed Jesus to a place far away? (*lots and lots and lots and lots of people*).

Why did they follow Jesus there? (*Because Jesus taught the good news from God and he healed the sick people.*)

Why did Jesus feel sorry for the people? (*He loved the people. They had stayed for a very long time watching and listening to him. It was getting late and they had had nothing to eat and were very hungry*)

What did Jesus do, to feed all of these people? (*He told the disciples to find food for them*).

How much food did the disciples find? (*5 small loaves and 2 fish*)

Do you think that was enough food to feed lots and lots and lots and lots of people? (No)

What did Jesus do next? (*Well, because Jesus is God's son, He did something amazing. He got all the people to sit down in groups, gave thanks to God, broke the bread and the fish and all the people had something to eat.*)

Was anyone still hungry? (*No. The Bible says everyone was full and there were even 12 baskets of food left over*)

How could Jesus do that, How was he able to feed all those people with just a little food?

(Jesus is the mighty son of God. He can do things that only God can do. Jesus can do things that we can't do because he is God's son!)

Pray together:

Thank you God for your son, Jesus. Thank you that Jesus is mighty and powerful. Thank you that he came to fix our sin problem. Please help us to always trust and follow him. Amen

Memory verse: 'No one is like you, Lord, You are great, and your name is mighty in power.'- Jeremiah 10:6

Ideas for sermon time:

- Watch this week's video for under 5's.
- Print this [colouring sheet](#) or this [colouring sheet](#)
- Make a loaves and fish lunch like the little boy - you will need a paper bag and a copy of the [loaves and fish](#) to colour