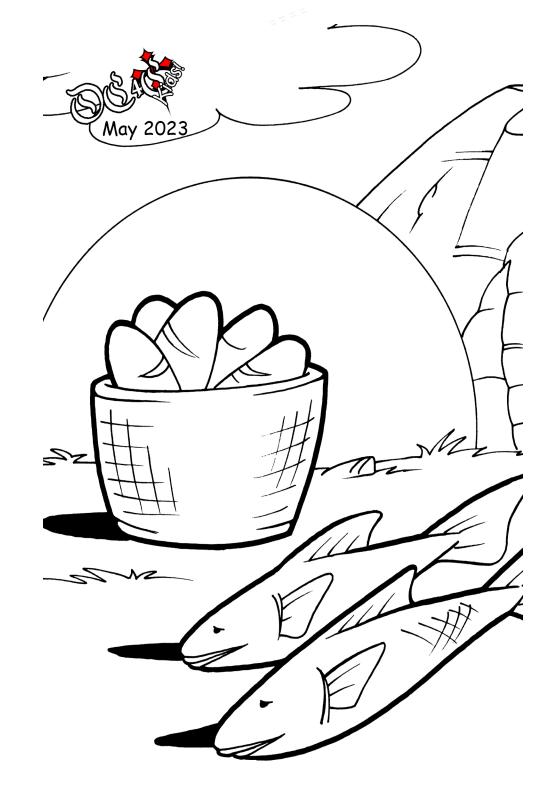


7	ACROSS	"Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His which He performed on those who were diseased." JOHN 6:2
6	DOWN	"And Jesus went up on a mountain, and there He sat with His" JOHN 6:3
8	ACROSS	"He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may?' " JOHN 6:5
5	DOWN	"There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small?" JOHN 6:9
5	ACROSS	"So the men sat down, in number about " JOHN 6:10
1	DOWN	"And Jesus took the, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted." JOHN 6:11
2	DOWN	"So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, ' up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.' " ${\bf JOHN6:}12$
4	DOWN	"Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten." JOHN 6:13
3	DOWN	"Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, 'This is truly the who is come into the world.' " JOHN 6:14

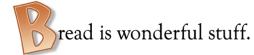
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PART ONE

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Just think of the smell of fresh bread baking in the oven... even if it is bread baking in one of those bread machines.

Bread really IS good!

A peanut butter and jelly sandwich would be pretty messy without two pieces of bread on the outside.

But for most of the time people have been wandering around here on earth, bread has been even more important than that. People have been eating bread for thousands of years.

I'd like to know who woke one morning and said,

"I've got a great idea!

"Let's take some of that stuff that is growing all over the place out back - what's it called? Wheat? Yeah, that wheat stuff. Let's pick some of that stuff and let it dry out Then lets take a couple of rocks and smash the wheat between the two rocks until it turns into powder. Then let's add some water and mix it all up into... dough... let's call that mixed up stuff dough. Then let's take the dough and put it into a fire! Doesn't that sound like a great idea!"

"Uh, uh, yeah sure... Great idea!"

Who would have thought of that?!!!

I think God must have had something to do with it.

So they took the mashed up, mixed up stuff and stuck it into the fire - and they got bread! Well, it wasn't bread exactly. It was more like a cracker, but it tasted pretty good

Then someone must have let some goat's milk sit around too long, until it started to get all hard and stinky, and so they spread some of that on the bread - and called it "cheese and crackers." Well, maybe not

And then one day, some stuff called yeast got into the dough.

Before mom had a chance to put the dough into the fire, one of her kids must have fallen down and skinned his knee or something. And while she was away looking for a Bandaid (which would have taken a while - since Bandaids weren't invented yet!) - a strange thing happened.

The lump of dough grew to twice its size! It was like it was alive!

But mom stuck it into the fire anyway (you know how moms are - they don't like to waste anything!). And this time, when she took it out - it was really bread! It was bread like we think of bread.

And for most of the time since then, bread has been the main thing most people ate. If you said, "We have no bread!" What you were really saying was, "We have no food!"

People needed bread to stay alive.

That's how important bread is.

Yep! Bread is pretty amazing stuff!

