## Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9; John 6

"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish. But how far will they go among so many?" John 6:9

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Jesus went to rest in a quiet place far from the city. A crowd ran after him. He healed them. He taught them. They loved Jesus.

The people sat on the grass and listened until night. They were like lost sheep. Soon, they got hungry. Jesus felt sorry for them.
"We can't feed so many people," Philip said.
A kind person gave up his lunch. The food was five little loaves of bread and two tiny fish. It wasn'† much, but it was all he had.
"How far will this go with such a big crowd?" Andrew asked. He was another disciple.

Jesus took the food and thanked God. The disciples gave out the bread and fish. Food just kept coming and coming out of the baskets! More than five thousand people were fed. They were full. There were 12 baskets of extra food.
"This man must be from God," some people said. They knew it was a miracle.

Who gave Jesus his lunch? It was a little boy. This child had a big heart and giving hands.

## Questions

1. What did Jesus do with the little lunch?
2. Who gave the fish and bread to Jesus?
3. What can Jesus do when we give him what we have?
4. What can you give to Jesus?

Dear Jesus,
You can take what I give you and make it grow. I would like to give you... (circle one or more) ...
my time my heart mytalents my money
Make my gifts to you grow for the kingdom of God. Amen

