



Unit 24, Session 2

Jesus Fed a Crowd

Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9;
John 6

Story Point: Jesus miraculously fed a crowd with five loaves and two fish.

Jesus' disciples had been hard at work. They had been healing people and teaching them. So Jesus said to them, "Come with Me. Let's go to a quiet place where we can be alone and get some rest."

Jesus and His disciples got into a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee, but many people saw them leaving. They ran ahead of Jesus. When Jesus and His disciples got to the shore, the people were already there waiting for them. Jesus saw the crowd and He cared about them because they were like sheep who needed a shepherd. So Jesus taught the people many things about God's kingdom, and He healed people who were sick.

By this time, it was late in the day. Jesus' disciples came to Him and said, "Tell the people to go away to buy themselves something to eat." But Jesus said, "You give them something to eat."

Jesus' disciples were confused. "We can't feed this many people," they said.

Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have? Go look." Jesus' disciple Andrew said, "A boy here has five loaves and two fish."

Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. He looked up to heaven, and then He blessed the bread. He broke it into pieces and gave it to the disciples. He also divided up the fish. The disciples passed out the food to the people, and everyone ate until they were full. Jesus fed about five thousand men that day, plus women and children.

Christ Connection: By feeding the five thousand, Jesus provided for the physical needs of the crowd. The next day, Jesus called Himself the bread of life. (John 6:35) Only Jesus is able to satisfy our souls forever by providing forgiveness, peace with God, and eternal life.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Cross out the words that match the descriptions. Circle the remaining words in order to reveal a hidden message.

Jesus purple frog called
Himself puzzling Canada blue
the bread kale jazzlike clover
of red Mexico life limes

Cross out words that ...

- are the name of a country
- are colors
- describe something green
- contain more than seven letters

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What was the disciples' attitude toward the crowds? What was Jesus' attitude?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- How was Jesus able to feed the crowd with just five loaves of bread and two fish?
- What did Jesus mean when He said He is “the bread of life”?
- How has Jesus recently provided for some of your needs—physically or spiritually?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Psalm 40:5 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, acknowledging Him as powerful and loving. Ask Him to meet your specific needs.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Matthew 6:33 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jeremiah 32:17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 6:27 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 73:28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 6:33 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 6:35 |