

1st- 5th Grade Small Group Lesson

Session Title: Jesus Provided Bread from Heaven

Bible Passage: Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; John 6:1-14

Main Point: Jesus fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish.

Key Passage: John 20:31

Big Picture Question: Why did Jesus perform miracles? Jesus performed miracles to glorify God and prove He is God the Son.

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, friendship with God, and eternal life.*



Take Some and Pass It

Materials- brown rectangle construction paper

Invite the group to sit in a circle. Give the construction paper bread to one person and explain that he or she must tear off a bit of the "loaf" and pass the rest. The next person will do the same. Count together how many times you can pass the "bread" before it has all been torn up and there is nothing left to pass.

As you can see, the more we took of our pretend bread, the less there was to pass along. In our Bible story, Jesus blessed the bread and fish and began tearing off bits and passing it to others to do the same. By God's power, they never ran out of bread! Jesus fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish. *Jesus performed miracles to glorify God and prove He is God the Son.* When we believe in Jesus, God forgives our sins and gives us brand new lives.

Lots of Loaves

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INSTRUCTIONS: Count the number of loaves of bread. Mark each to make sure you have counted them all.



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BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

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BIBLE STORY:

JESUS PROVIDED BREAD FROM HEAVEN

- Jesus and His disciples went away to rest, but a large crowd followed them.
- Jesus taught the crowd until it grew late.
- The disciples wanted to send the people away to get food, but Jesus insisted they feed the crowd.
- Jesus fed over 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How did Jesus feel about the crowds that followed Him?
- Why did the disciples want to send the people away?
- When you see people in need, do you respond like Jesus or like the disciples? Why?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Volunteer with your family at a local food bank.

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