

Bible Story 40: JESUS FEEDS 5,000 WITH A BOY'S LUNCH

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

MEMORY VERSE: Galatians 6:10A

BIBLE STORY:

When Jesus heard that John the Baptist was killed by Herod, He wanted to go to a quiet place. So Jesus and His disciples got into a boat. They began to cross to the other side of the lake. The people saw them leave. They ran on foot and got there before Jesus and His disciples. Jesus felt compassion for the people. Jesus taught them and healed their sick.

It was a secluded place. That evening His disciples told Jesus to send the people away. Why? The people were hungry. The people could go home and get themselves some food.

Jesus said, ***"No. Do not send them away. Give them something to eat."***

Philip replied, ***"We do not have money to buy bread for everyone."*** There were 5,000 men present, plus all the women and all the children.

Jesus asked, ***"What food do we have?"***

Andrew replied, ***"A boy is here and he brought his lunch. He has two fish and five small loaves of bread."***

Jesus told His disciples to have the people divide into groups. Then they were to have the people sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves of bread and two fish and prayed. Jesus thanked God for the food. Next Jesus tore apart the loaves and the fish. He gave them to His disciples. They gave the pieces of bread and fish to everyone.

Everyone ate and was satisfied. Then Jesus told His disciples, ***"Gather up the food that is left over. Do not waste anything."***

They gathered twelve baskets of pieces of bread and fish that were left over.

What a miracle!

PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?

2. How can you apply this story to your life?

PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus want to do when He heard that John the Baptist died?
2. What are some things that you can do to receive comfort when a loved one dies?
3. What did Jesus do when He arrived on the other side of the lake and saw the people?
4. How many people were present? What happened when Jesus told His disciples to give the people something to eat?
5. What food did the boy give to Jesus?
6. What did Jesus do with the boy's lunch?
7. The boy shared his lunch. How can you help others in need?
8. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do when everyone finished eating? How much food was left over?
9. What are some things that you can do to avoid being wasteful?