

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What do you do when faced with a problem too big for you to solve?
- Describe a time you had to wait on Jesus to meet a need.
- What role can your family play in providing for the needs of others?

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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 healing people and teaching them. So Jesus said to them, "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 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."

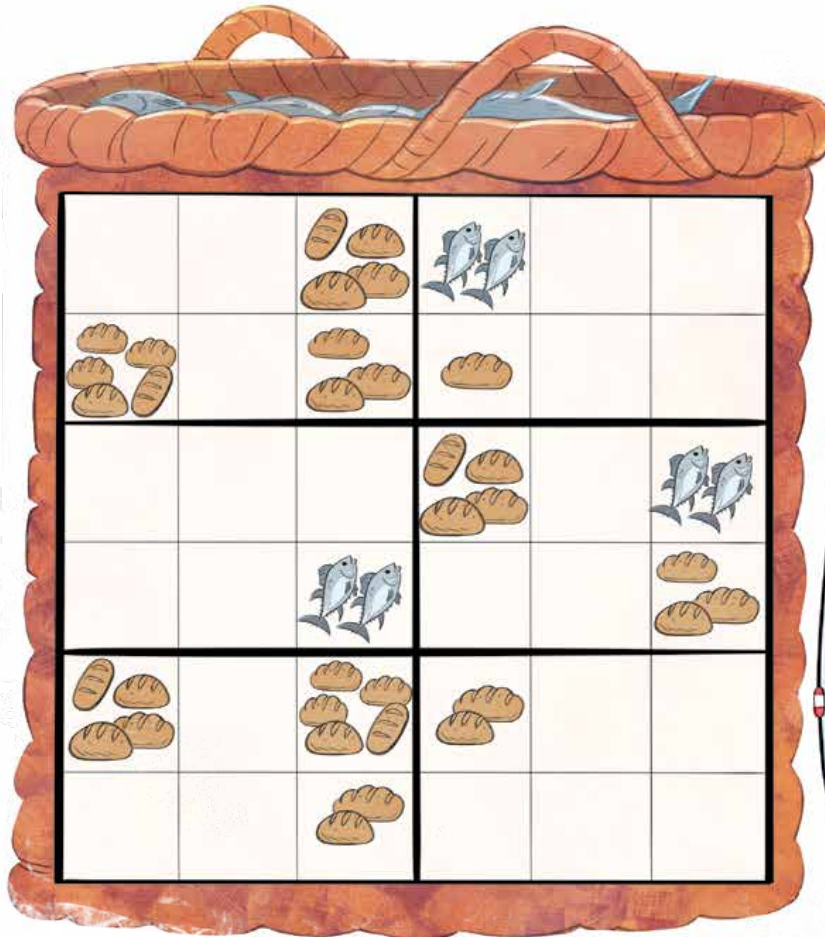
Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. He looked up to heaven, and then He blessed the bread. The disciples passed out the food to the people, and everyone ate until they were full. Jesus fed about five thousand men that day, plus women and children.

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.



Fish and Loaves Sudoku

Fill in the grid so each row, column, and box contains each of the six pictures.



Power to Provide

Cross out the fish that match the descriptions. Read the remaining fish from top to bottom, left to right, to reveal a hidden message.

