

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand – John 6:1-14

What do you pack in your lunch? What do you eat for dinner? Have you ever shared your food with someone else? Could you share your meal with a crowd of 5,000 (*shout 5,000*)?

There was a time when Jesus was teaching. A crowd of 5,000 (*shout 5,000*) gathered to hear Jesus' words. But the 5,000 (*shout 5,000*) were very hungry. They were grumbling for food to hold them over. Unfortunately, there was no food to be found. The disciples and Jesus wondered what to do.

One disciple spotted a kid in the crowd of 5,000 (*shout 5,000*). The boy came forward with his lunch, but when the disciples looked at his food, he only had five loaves and two fish. How would this feed the 5,000 (*shout 5,000*)?

Jesus told the 5,000 (*shout 5,000*) not to worry. There was plenty of food for each person in the crowd of 5,000 (*shout 5,000*). After all 5,000 (*shout 5,000*) had eaten, there was even extra food. This meal was a miracle, and all 5,000 (*shout 5,000*) were amazed and believed in Jesus.

Family Spiritual Practice

Read the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 together. Every time you hear the number "5,000," shout it!

Wonder: Who do you relate to in this story? What does this story teach us about Jesus?

Do: Pack lunches for people who might be experiencing homelessness or food insecurity. Include things that will keep like canned tuna, peanut butter crackers, nuts, and veggie chips or straws. Pack the food in brown paper bags and write encouraging messages of God's love on the bags. Share the lunches with anyone you see that is in need.

Pray: Dear God, thank you for using people like us to share your love and greatness with the world. Help us to always share what we have. Amen.

