

THE FEEDING OF THE 5000

Bible Text: Luke 9:10-17; Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:32-41; John 6:1-14

Lesson Focus: God responds to human needs with abundance.

Big Question: What can I do to help others?

Key Words: ABUNDANCE, SCARCITY, MULTIPLICATION, BLESSING

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Jesus was God, but Jesus was also human. He understood hunger and did what needed to be done for real-life needs (Luke 9:17).
-] Over 5,000 people came to learn from Jesus, and what they learned included compassion (Mark 6:34-37).
-] The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 was a powerful reminder to the Jews of their ancestors being fed in the desert with manna from heaven. God provides (Exodus 16:11-15).
-] The feeding of the 5,000 is the only miracle story to be recorded in all four Gospels (Luke 9:10-17; Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; John 6:1-14).
-] The call to follow Jesus can never be separated from efforts to meet the physical needs of others. The world is full of hungry people; how will God use us to provide for them? (See John 21:17.)

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] Why is it funny to imagine Jesus with a to-do list?
-] In addition to what's listed in the cartoon, what else was on Jesus' to-do list?
-] With God's help, how can we take on Jesus' to-do list?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 40: The Seven Funniest Bible Stories

-] When have you had trouble trusting God?

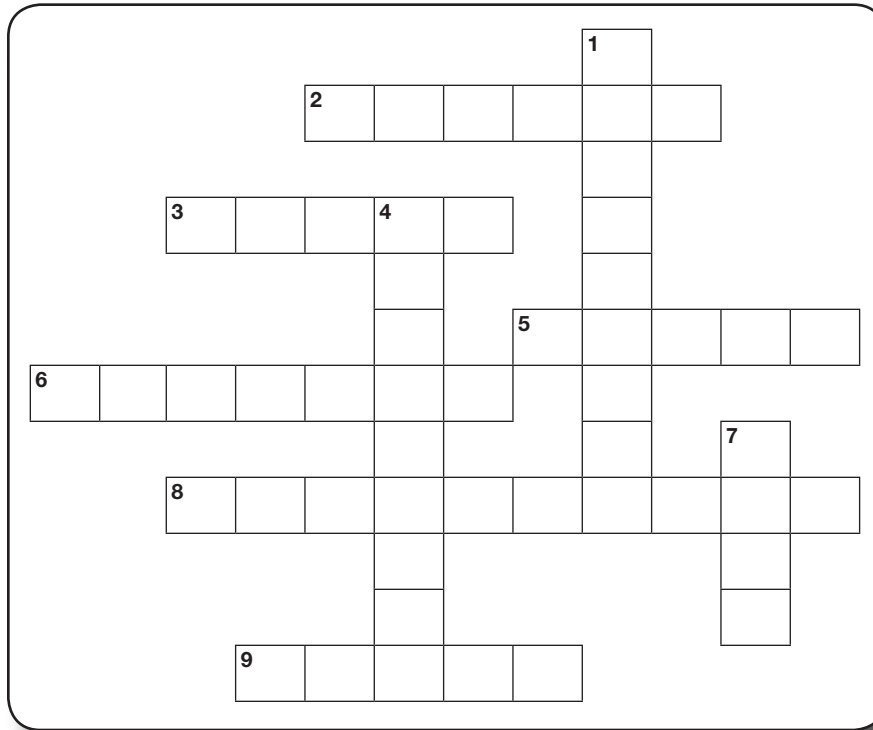
LIFE CONNECTION

Come up with a specific idea for one kind action you can take this week. You can work alone or with others in your class. Be prepared for God to take your efforts and multiply them. Write down your idea and put it in your Bible.

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Crossword

Write the correct answers for each clue in the crossword puzzle below.



ACROSS

2. Desire or physical need for food.
3. God provides for our human _____.
5. Bread from heaven that God provided to the Israelites in the desert.
6. Place of strange foods where rice and whipped cream are found in the same bowl.
8. Jesus showed _____ to the crowd.
9. The crowds of people were seeking _____.

DOWN

1. Jesus did not serve _____ with the fishes and loaves.
4. The _____ did the most grumbling in this miracle story.
7. Number of Gospels in which the feeding of the 5,000 is recorded.

Answers: Across 2. hunger 3. needs 5. manna 6. potluck 8. compassion 9. Jesus Down 1. disciples 4. disciples 7. four