



JESUS FEEDS 5000 PEOPLE THE WILDERNESS



Hello Explorers! My name is Zach and I am your faithful guide for your adventure today. Have you ever seen something that you can't explain? Today we will see how Jesus did such an amazing miracle that everyone wanted to carry him away and make him the king. This story also includes a little child, just like you, who by sharing what he had with Jesus, made something amazing happen. Today we learn that when we give something to God, that God will do amazing things with it.

A good explorer pays close attention, there is always something new to discover. Let's explore!

PRACTICE YOUR PRAYERS

Let's get our Prayer Guide and practice our prayers! Let's start with the Sign of the Cross and Grace Before Meals. Then we can pick other prayers to practice.

Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord,
And these thy gifts,
Which we are about to receive,
From thy bounty
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Imagine if you tried to fit 5000 people at your dinner table for Thanksgiving Dinner! How much food would you need! Then imagine how much food there would have to be if their were lots of left overs! God does everything with great love. Jesus doesn't want any rewards or payment, He just wants people to be happy in this life and later in heaven.

Jesus was explaining God's love to many people when it became late and people would start to become hungry. God loves it best when He can share his work with us. So when a little boy offered his food to help, God did something amazing!

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Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Apostles approached him and said, "Send them home so that they can find food and shelter. There is nothing here for them."

Jesus said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." One of his disciples, Andrew, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"

Jesus said to his disciples, "Have the people sit down." Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.



SHARE YOUR IDEAS

When you are a little older you will be getting ready to receive your First Communion. Just like Jesus multiplying the bread and fish, Jesus feeds us with the Holy Eucharist. This special food helps us to be close to God and gives us many blessings!



1. What is your favorite meal? What is your favorite dessert?
2. Jesus prayed to thank God before sharing a meal, do you think your family can follow his example? (You can use the *Grace Before Meals Prayer* in your *Prayer Guide*).
3. The grown ups who care for you rely on God's help to provide good things for you, what are some of the good things you are thankful for?
4. The little boy gave Jesus his bread and fish to help those in need, what can you do to help those in need?

SPECIAL PROJECT

It is time to complete our special project for the day and then we can collect our Hope Gem by checking it off on our Adventure Map. Find the special project with the number 5 label and follow the instructions inside! Great job Explorer!