



Friends of Jesus and Mary Cycle B - XVII Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4: 42-44; Psalm 144; Ephesians 4: 1-6; John 6: 1-15

Jesus Feeds Five Thousand

After this, Jesus went across Lake Galilee (or, Lake Tiberias, as it is also called). A large crowd followed him, because they had seen his miracles of healing the sick. Jesus went up a hill and sat down with his disciples. The time for the Passover Festival was near. Jesus looked around and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, so he asked Philip, "Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?" (He said this to test Phillip; actually, he already knew what he would do.) Phillip answered, "For everyone to have even a little, it would take more than two hundred silver coins to buy enough bread." Another one of his disciples, Andrew, who was Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a boy here who has five loaves of barley bread and two fish, but they will certainly not be enough for all these people." "Make the people sit down," Jesus told them. (There was a lot of grass there.) So all the people sat down; there were about five thousand men. Jesus took the bread, gave thanks to God, and distributed it to the people who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, and they all had as much as they wanted. When they were all full, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces left over; let us not waste a bit." So they gathered them all and filled twelve baskets with the pieces left over from the five barley loaves which the people had eaten. Seeing this miracle that Jesus had performed, the people there said, "Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world!" Jesus knew that they were about to come and seize him in order to make him king by force; so he went off again to the hills by himself.

Reflection

Why were the people following Jesus? (They had seen or heard about His healing miracles and wanted to hear His words that filled their hearts with love.) **Why does Jesus want us to follow Him?** (He wants us to love Him with all our hearts.) **What Jewish feast day was near?** (The Passover Festival, when God liberated His people from slavery in Egypt.) **At dinner time, what did Jesus ask Phillip?** (Where can we buy enough food to feed all these people?)

Why did He ask this? (Jesus was testing his faith in His power as Almighty God.) **Another disciple, Andrew, tells Jesus there is a boy with 5 loaves and 2 fish. Do you think Jesus could feed the people without this donation?** (Yes, Jesus is God and can do anything.) **Why does He take the fish and loaves?** (Jesus wants us to be generous with our gifts. When we share what we have and are, Jesus multiplies it for the good of all.) **What did Jesus give for our good?** (His life for the forgiveness of our sins.) **What did He leave with us to help us?** (His presence in the **Eucharist**, the consecrated bread and wine that is multiplied during every Mass and His Grace in the Sacraments of the Catholic Church.) **What can you donate to Jesus so He can multiply it for the good of many?**



Activity

On the following page, write in one fish a note to Jesus letting Him know how much you love Him. In the other fish, write something you would like to share with Jesus so He can multiply it for the good of others. Color. On the last page, fill in the blanks with the words in the box relating to the Gospel.

Prayer

Lord, fill my heart with your love so I may love you more and love others more. Help me to be generous with the gifts you have given me. Thank you for giving your Life for me and for staying with me in the Eucharist and in the Sacraments. I love you very much. **Amen**

Song: Loaves and Fishes, Jaqueline Hegarty (Ctrl Click) <https://youtu.be/QUnoDfDdYhQ> (3-7 yrs.)

Here I am Lord, Eric Tom, <https://youtu.be/Ecx0kht8w7c?si=ohR2gORjXjGjW3v6> (8+ yrs.)

PPT: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1trG9pG0Ysd4moqr7pzsU0Jc6LVfM2sK/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true



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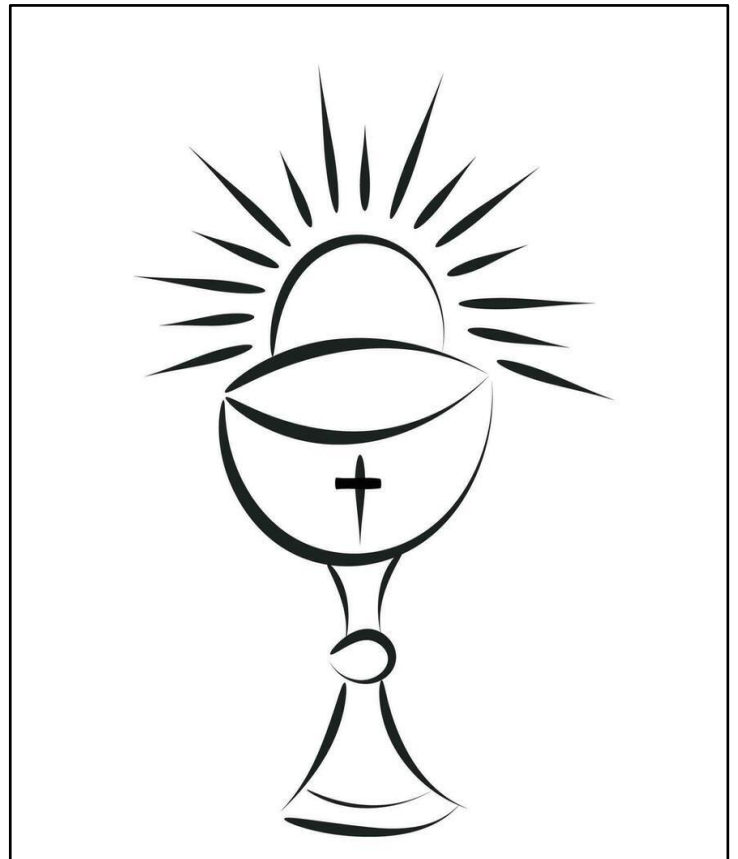
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THE MULTIPLICATION OF THE LOAVES AND FISH Jesus performs miracles to feed us.

John 6: 1-15



Jesus performed a miracle to feed the bodies of the people that were listening to Him.



During Mass, Jesus performs a miracle changing the bread and wine to His Body and Blood to feed our soul.

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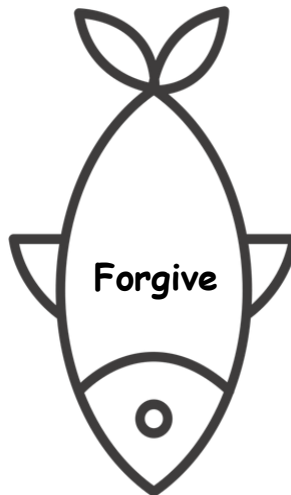
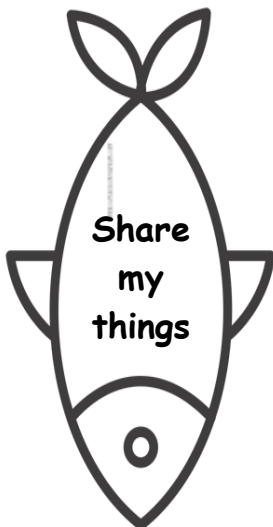
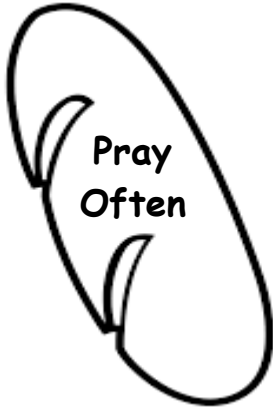
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JESUS DOES MIRACLES

What can I offer up to Jesus?



What miracles can Jesus do with these offerings?



Instructions: Draw a line from the fish to the basket that best fits the offering with the miracle.



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Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:11 (NIV)



Match the words in the box with the correct definition.

1. _____ A large number of persons gathered together
2. _____ Human beings -- as a group
3. _____ A cold-blooded animal with fins and gills that lives in water
4. _____ The number equal to 6 plus 6
5. _____ Opposite of large
6. _____ Bread baked in one long piece (plural)
7. _____ A male child
8. _____ A container made of woven materials such as straw or twigs

crowd
people

loaves
small

boy
fish

basket
twelve