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Matthew 14

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶Jesus replied, “**They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.**”

¹⁷“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸“**Bring them here to me,**” he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) How many loaves of bread and how many fish did the disciples have?
5		2.) What did Jesus do with the loaves of bread and the fish?
5		3.) How much food was left over?
5		4.) Why do you think the people followed Jesus from town to town?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Philippians 4:19</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Jesus feeds the crowd of people with five loaves of bread and two small fish

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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: BASKETS OF FOOD

Students will make food baskets with five loaves of bread and two small fish to remind them that Jesus fed 5,000+ people with these food items.

MATERIALS

1. 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Food and Basket Pattern
3. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
4. Glue or Tape
5. Scissors



DIRECTIONS

1. Make copies of the food and basket patterns for each student onto 67 lb cardstock.
2. Have students color the bread, fish, and basket pieces.
3. Allow students to cut out the bread, fish, and basket pieces on the solid black lines.
4. Help students assemble the basket by folding on the dotted lines and by gluing or taping the tabs to the sides of the basket.
5. Glue or tape the handle (with the memory verse printed on it) to either side of the basket.
6. Place the five loaves of bread and two small fish inside the basket.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are working on their baskets, remind them that Jesus had compassion on the people who had traveled great distances to hear, see, or be healed by Him. This story is not only about a miracle, but the abundance by which God provides for our physical needs. How much more God would love to provide for our spiritual needs--if we let Him!

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

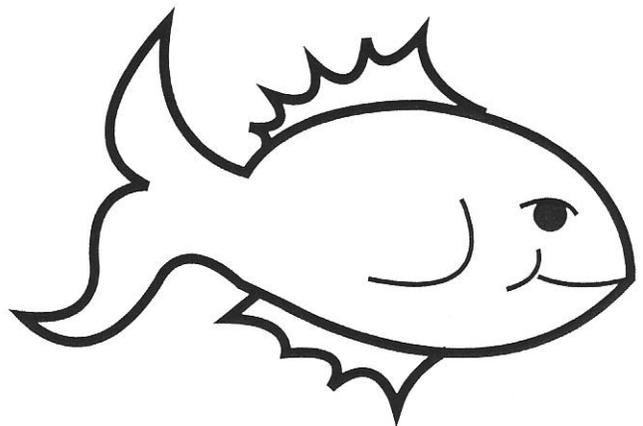
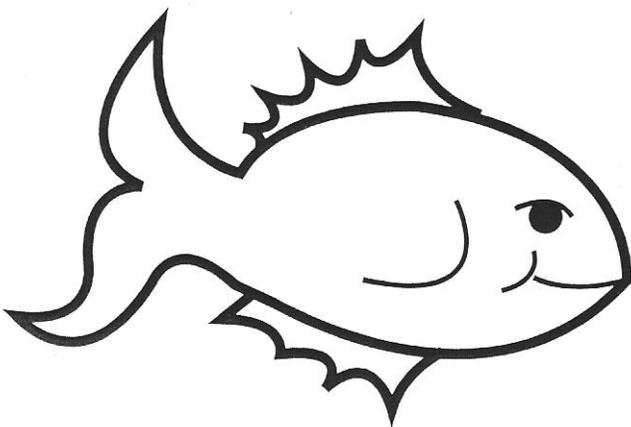
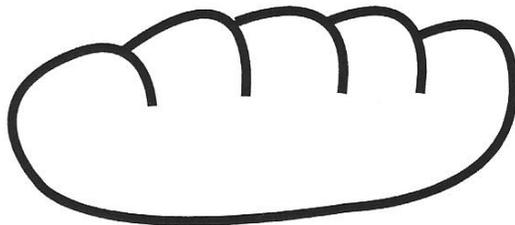
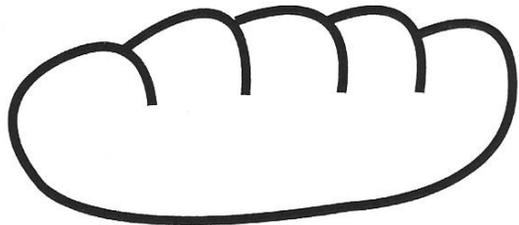
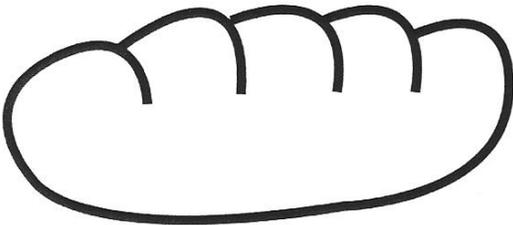
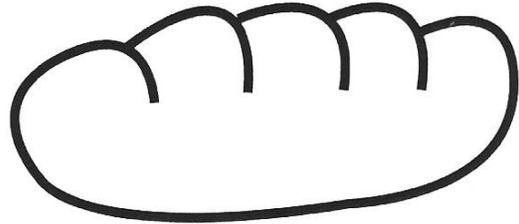
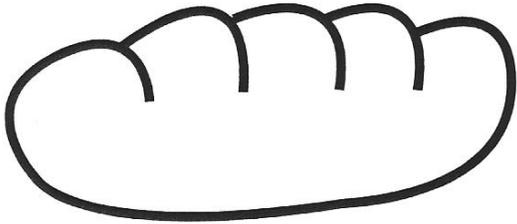
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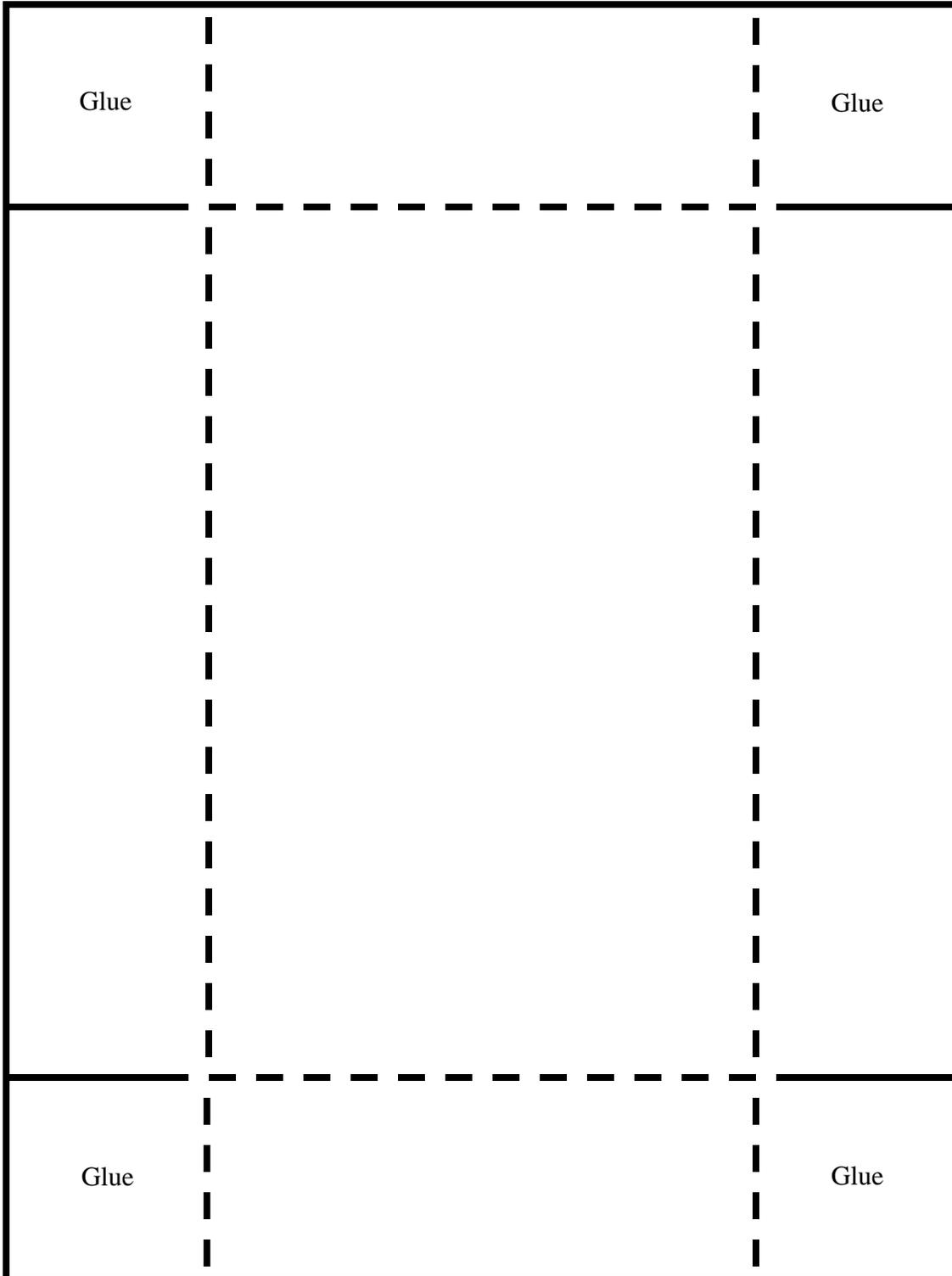
FOOD PATTERN



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BASKET PATTERN



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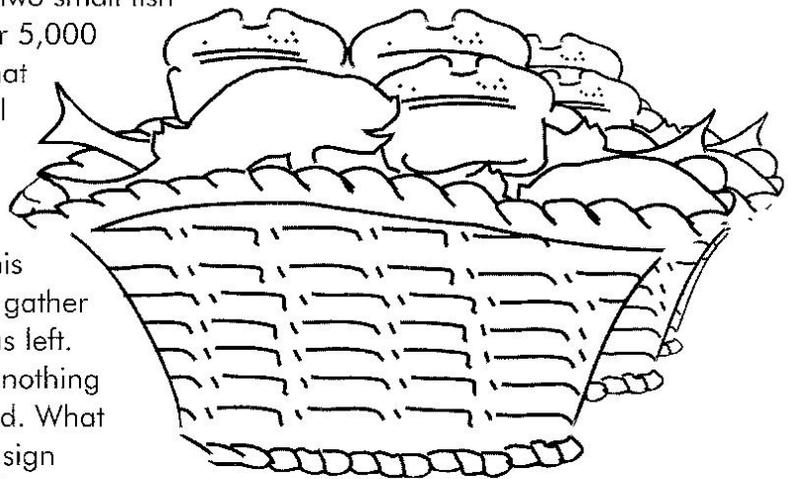
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 Subtract the numbers in the box to get the code number for each letter. Then solve the puzzle.

Jesus used five small barley loaves and two small fish to feed over 5,000 people. What a wonderful miracle this was! Afterward, Jesus told his disciples to gather up what was left. He wanted nothing to be wasted. What miraculous sign happened then?



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A SPECIAL REPORT ON MATTHEW 14:13-21

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Jesus got on a boat by himself and went to a quiet place. The crowds followed him on foot. When Jesus landed and saw what a large crowd there was, he had

compassion on them. He began to heal their sick.

Evening was coming so the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a far off place and it is getting late. Tell the crowds to go back to their villages to buy food for themselves."

Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

"The disciples said, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish."

"Bring them here to me," Jesus said. Jesus told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves of bread and two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks. Then Jesus broke the loaves. The disciples gave the bread and fish to the people. Everyone had enough to eat and there were 12 basketfuls of food leftover! The number of those who ate was about 5,000 men, besides women and children!

To find out more, read Matthew 14:13-21 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. How many loaves of bread and how many fish did the disciples have?
2. What did Jesus do with the loaves of bread and the fish?
3. How much food was leftover?
4. Why do you think people followed Jesus from town to town?

MEMORY VERSE

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

BREAK THE CODE

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5=D	6=A	7=S	8=I
9=N	10=T	11=H	12=P
13=L	14=U	15=O	16=R

Ideas For Home:

Today your child learned that Jesus fed 5,000 men plus women and children.

1. Have your child finish coloring this book.
2. Help your child learn the *Memory Verse*.
3. Practice the *Bible Story Rhyme*.
4. Read and discuss the bible story with your child.
5. Discuss with your child how God meets all of our needs.

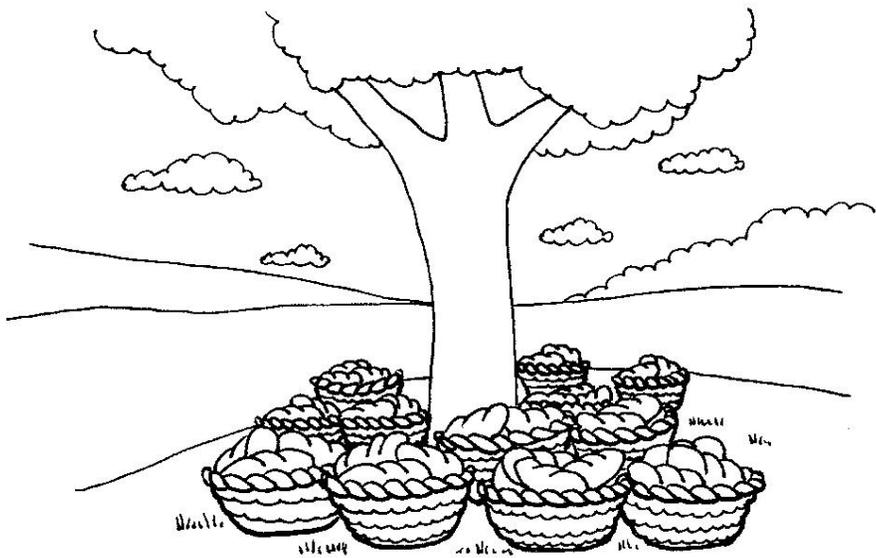
Bible Story Mini Book

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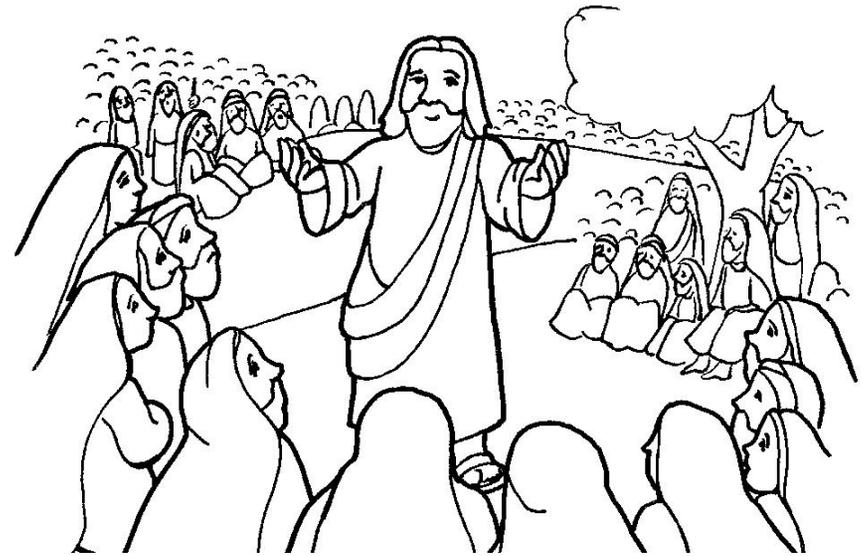


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Jesus fed 5,000 men plus women and children. There were 12 baskets full of food leftover!



Jesus was teaching the people and it started to get late.

Memory Verse

“...God will meet all your needs...” Philippians 4:19

Bible Story Rhyme

5,000 people; a lunch was their wish,
(Rub tummy)

Jesus divided 5 loaves and 2 fish.
(Pretend to pull apart a loaf of bread)



The disciples wanted to
send the people home to
eat. Jesus said, “No.”

Have You Ever Sinned?

The Bible teaches that we have *all* sinned and do not measure up to God's glory. It also teaches that the price for sin is death which separates us from God. But even though we are sinners, Christ died for us and paid the price for our sin. We just need to ask him to forgive us and receive his free gift of salvation. Just pray this prayer, with a sincere heart, and Jesus will forgive you of your sins. You will become a child of God and live with Him in heaven.

“Dear Jesus,

Please forgive me for the bad things that I have done. Please come into my heart and be my Lord and savior. In your name I pray, Amen.”



Jesus took five loaves
of bread and two small
fish and divided them
up.

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PRESCHOOL GAME

Supplies: None

Never run out of fun in this game to accompany the feeding of the five thousand.

Have two teams line up in relay-style lines.
Say: **Only one little boy brought fish and bread to lunch, but when he shared, Jesus used the food to feed the whole crowd. Everyone was happy. We're going to see if you have a happy face you can share, because Jesus can use your shared smile to make others happy.**

Instruct the first person in each line to make a happy, silly face and show it to the person behind him or her. That person imitates the face and shows it to the person behind him or her until the face has gotten all the way to the end of the line. The person at the end of the line runs up to the beginning of the line and makes a different face. Play continues until everyone has had a turn.

Say: **You shared a happy, silly face with everyone until we all laughed. Looks like we have plenty of fun to go around and some left over, too!**

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PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY RHYME



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